

# The American Chestnut Foundation® (TACF) 2024 American Chestnut Symposium



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**Request for Proposals:  
Poster Session and Student Flash Talks**

**October 25 – 27, 2024  
Courtyard by Marriott  
4 Sebethe Dr., Cromwell, CT  
Submission Deadline: September 13, 2024**

For over 40 years, The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) has led the effort to restore the American chestnut, bringing this important issue to the forefront of current conservation initiatives. TACF's 2024 American Chestnut Symposium will bring together scientists, conservationists, private landowners, and industry professionals to share information and perspectives about the American chestnut and continue to inspire reintroduction of this species to eastern forests. The meeting will provide an opportunity to enhance awareness of the importance of American chestnut restoration, explore partnerships, exchange information, and discuss this crucial mission with a wide audience.

## **POSTER SESSION**

TACF's poster session aims to recognize the breadth of topics under investigation in the name of species restoration. It is a great way to expose attendees to the most current research, and the variety of American chestnut projects being pursued. Research posters addressing topics related to American chestnut restoration are desired. This and other topics of interest include:

- Silviculture and forest management
- Chestnut blight, *Phytophthora cinnamomi* (ink disease), and other pests and pathogens
- Forest genetics
- Restoration and reintroduction
- Mine-land reclamation
- Forest and wildlife ecology
- History
- Timber value/use
- Breeding and biotechnology
- Other topics related to American chestnut

To have a poster considered for inclusion, submit an abstract by **September 13, 2024**, to: [ROCS@taf.org](mailto:ROCS@taf.org). Please follow the abstract format guidelines below. Participation in the poster session by at least one author is expected of all accepted posters. The poster session will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2024. The poster abstract will be included in TACF's 2024 American Chestnut Symposium proceedings, with an option to publish a PDF of the poster on TACF's website following the meeting.

## **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

### **Poster Competition**

We will hold a poster competition for student poster presenters and offer a cash prize for the best poster, as well as the first and second runners-up. Prizes will be \$250 for first, and \$100 each for second and third. Students must present their poster in person during a judging session to be eligible to win. If you are a current student (undergraduate, graduate, high school, etc.) and would like to participate in the poster competition, please note this when you submit your abstract, per the instructions above. Good luck!

### **Reduced Registration Rate for Student Poster Presenters: \$30.00**

#### ***Saturday 8:30 AM - 10:00 PM***

Full day program, which includes:

- Opening General Session - guest speakers, presentation
- Concurrent interactive educational sessions/presentations
- Lunch/snacks provided throughout the day
- Poster Session and Social Hour with Cash Bar
- Saturday evening dinner program, including cash bar and featuring Keynote Speaker, TBD
- Student poster winner presentations held during the Saturday evening dinner program

Registration for student poster presenters will be available using a special link or calling The American Chestnut Foundation at (828) 281-0047. Details will be provided after poster abstracts are accepted.

### **Student Flash Talks**

A student flash talk session will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024. A small number of student research presentations will be highlighted in flash talk format. Students will be given a set amount of time to present their work (TBD, based on the number of interested participants). Current students (or recent graduates) may be considered for presenting a talk during this session. If you are interested in participating, please let us know when you submit your abstract. Saturday registration fees will be waived for students presenting a flash talk.

## **ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES**

Please format your abstract as follows:

### **Abstract Title in Calibri, 16pt font, bold**

**Author last name, first initial, middle initial<sup>1</sup>; co-author last name, first initial, middle initial<sup>2</sup>; etc. Year. (Times New Roman, 12pt font, bold)**

<sup>1</sup>Institution, address, city, state (Times New Roman, 12pt font)

<sup>2</sup>Institution, address, city, state (Times New Roman, 12pt font)

Abstract text should be limited to 200-300 words (Times New Roman, 12pt font). The abstract should contain a concise but comprehensive statement of the problem/study objective(s) and results. All abstracts should be written carefully and accurately. Abstracts that do not follow these explicit guidelines will not be accepted.

*Keywords:* Optional.