

**The American Chestnut Foundation®  
(TACF)  
2026 Poster Session**



**Request for Proposals:  
Poster Session at the 2026 American Chestnut  
Symposium and Fall Meeting**

**November 7, 2026**

Crowne Plaza, College Park

Crowne Plaza, College Park, Washington D.C.  
6400 Ivy Ln, Greenbelt, MD 20770

**Submission Deadline: Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

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 2026 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 relative 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
- New mathematical, statistical, ecological or forestry topics which can be aligned to supporting chestnut restoration
- Other topics related to American chestnut

To have a poster considered for inclusion, submit an abstract by October 2nd, 2026 to: [Lucinda.wigfield@taf.org](mailto:Lucinda.wigfield@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, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. A PDF of the poster and its abstract can be optionally published 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 \$200 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!

### ***Saturday Morning (November 7<sup>th</sup>), Time: TBD***

Full symposium, which includes:

- Interactive Educational Sessions/Presentations
- Poster presentations and judging of posters
- TACF Science presentation
- Chestnut orchard tours
- And more!

Details will be provided after poster abstracts are accepted.

**Reduced Cost (\$30) for Student Registration**

## **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.