



Organization for Tropical Studies

# 2018 OUTSTANDING STUDENT PAPER AWARD

## Attention All OTS Students, Faculty, and Alumni

The OTS Membership Committee is pleased to announce the tenth annual OTS Outstanding Student Paper Award. We invite nominations for a \$500 cash prize for excellence in research via an outstanding publication in tropical biology written by a student.

### Eligibility & Nomination

At the time of the nomination deadline, the paper must be published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal and reporting work completed within the tropics. To be eligible:

- 1) The author must have been a student (undergraduate or graduate) when the research was completed.
- 2) The author must satisfy at least one of the following three criteria:
  - Nominee is an alum of an OTS course
  - Work was completed at an OTS research station (La Selva, Las Cruces, Palo Verde)
  - Nominee is (was) a student at an OTS member institution
- 3) The author must still be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate school (or within 2 years of having completed a degree).

*Institutional members may be found at [www.tropicalstudies.org](http://www.tropicalstudies.org).*

### Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by an award committee formed by representatives from OTS member institutions. Papers will be judged upon the papers contribution to the field including originality, study design and potential impact on the field of study.

**Nomination packets should consist of a single .pdf document and include:**

- 1) A nomination letter briefly describing the paper and out-lining the qualification criteria from the list above
- 2) A copy of the paper
- 3) A brief letter from an advisor, colleague or scientist in a relevant field of study describing the impact of the paper on the field (optional, but strongly suggested)
- 4) A C.V. from the nominee

### Submitting Applications

Send nomination packet electronically as a .pdf to Jennifer Kelley ([jennifer.kelley@tropicalstudies.org](mailto:jennifer.kelley@tropicalstudies.org)).

### Application Deadline extended to Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Announcement of Award Recipient will be made on OTS' website: [www.tropicalstudies.org](http://www.tropicalstudies.org).