



NORTH AMERICAN SECTION

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## **Student Travel Funds for Attending the 2013 Entomological Society of America Meeting in Austin Texas**

The executive committee is very pleased to announce that the Financial Subcommittee of the IUSSI has generously provided the North American Section with \$5000 that will be used to support undergraduate and graduate student travel to the 2013 meeting of the Entomological Society of America. This meeting will be held in Austin, Texas USA, during November 10-13. This annual meeting is one of the biggest entomological meetings worldwide, and is the best opportunity for NAS-IUSSI members to present their work to an appreciative audience. Additionally, the annual business meeting of the NAS-IUSSI is held during the ESA conference, providing an excellent opportunity for students to network with potential mentors, collaborators or future employers.

Ten dues paying student members of the NAS-IUSSI (for membership information see <http://iussi.cyberbee.net/member/>) who plan to give either an oral or poster presentation at the conference will receive travel grants of \$500 each. Priority will be given to senior students with research projects that are sufficiently complete to be able to make a cohesive presentation. Each applicant will have to provide a cover letter, a title and abstract of the planned presentation, and a supporting letter from their primary advisor. Applications are due by May 15, 2013. Please submit the materials in a single compiled file (a pdf is preferred) to Sean O'Donnell (so356@drexel.edu), Chair of the NAS/IUSSI Awards Committee. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Prioritization of funding will be determined by five impartial committee members using cumulative ranking scores. Merit will be based on quality and relevance of the work, and need of the student. Recipients will be notified by June 1.

Awardees will be required to provide a 5 minute oral presentation that summarizes their work during the NAS-IUSSI business meeting.

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