



IUSSI - North American Section

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:
Mary Jane West-Eberhard best paper award
Due: 31 January 2023

Purpose: To honor the legacy of Mary Jane West-Eberhard, this award is presented for the best first author peer-reviewed research article published by a student (undergraduate or graduate level) in the areas of social behavior and/or evolution in social arthropods at any time in 2022.

Nature: The award shall consist of a certificate] and a \$1000 honorarium. The award winner will be announced in early 2023. Information on previous awardees can be found on the IUSSI-NAS website.

Eligibility: The recipient must have been an NAS-IUSSI member when nominated, and can be recognized up to a year past their degree completion. Previous award recipients are not eligible for a second award.

Nominations: Nominations may be made by any IUSSI-NAS member, either the student or by others familiar with the student's work. Parts 1-4 of the application should be sent as a single PDF file, in the format described below.

Each nomination must include:

- 1) A one page nominating letter that describes the paper and its 1) potential impact, 2) merit, and 3) originality.
- 2) Contributorship information of all authors of the paper should be reported and will help the committee determine the merit of the research article. Contributor roles shall be listed according to the Contributor Role Taxonomy (CRediT) See: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0244611>. You are not required to use the software but should have a list similar to Fig. 4.
- 3) A list of at least three names of IUSSI-NAS experts in your field that can comment on the potential impact, merit, and originality of your paper. You can look at our [website](#) for contact information of IUSSI-NAS members in our directory. You may contact these members and notify them that you are listing them in your nomination. The award committee co-chair may reach out to one or more of these people.
- 4) Include the paper you wish to be evaluated. Nominations are restricted to one paper per person each year.
- 5) For self-nominations, a letter of support from the student's research mentor or other senior researcher should be included.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee, unless a member has a conflict of interests. In these cases, we may seek an ad hoc reviewer.

All documents must be addressed to **Olav Rueppell**, and emailed to awards.nas.iussi@gmail.com, Co-chair of the IUSSI-NAS Awards Committee. To receive full consideration, complete applications must be received by January 31, 2023.