

# THE FIBER SOCIETY GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION

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**The Fiber Society 2025 Fall Conference**  
**University of Delaware**  
**Newark, Delaware, USA**  
**October 22–24, 2025**

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS — Extended

### *Purpose of the Competition*

To recognize outstanding achievement in science, technology, and applications of fibers at the graduate student level.

### *Competition Rules*

1. The award is open to **current graduate/ research (Ph.D., M.Phil., M.Sc., M.S.) students** as well as those who have **graduated any time since May 2024**.

2. The work and the writing must be that of the student. **However, the research paper must be submitted by the student's advisor or supervisor, who must be a Fiber Society member in good standing.**

#### 3. Submission requirements

- English is the language of the competition;
- 8.5" x 11" or A4; 1" margin all around, 1.5 or greater line spacing; 12-point font;
- submission should be made in PDF form;
- total number of pages with figures and tables should not exceed thirty (30);
- all papers should be **new submissions**, i.e., do not submit a paper previously submitted to the competition on the same topic (even with new or updated research);
- the competition will be a **blind review**; do not include any author or co-authors or their affiliations on the paper; title only should be provided;
- a **separate page** must provide complete information concerning the candidate, including paper title, affiliation, address, email, etc.;
- attached cover letter, signed by the research advisor/supervisor certifying that the research and writing is that of the student and containing the advisor's contact information for award notification

4. Preliminary judging of submitted papers will be by The Fiber Society's Graduate Student Research Paper Competition Committee. The judging criteria will include:

- original and scientific rigor of the research and its competent execution, including application, methodology, thoroughness of the literature review, and consequent experimental design;
- completeness, clarity, and accuracy of data interpretation;
- adherence to standard written style of technical, English language papers.

5. Each of the three finalists selected by the committee will personally attend and present an oral report of his/her work at the Fall 2025 Conference in Newark. The three finalists will receive free registration and up to US\$300 for students traveling from Asia and Europe or US\$700 for students traveling from North America for expenses against receipts. Any additional expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the students or their advisors/university departments. The oral competition will be judged by a set of three judges selected from individuals attending the conference. Criteria for oral judging will include:

- proficient, clear presentation that will include originality; scientific; application; methodology, and conclusion;
- handling questions from the audience;
- quality and relevance of visual aids.

6. Monetary prizes will be presented at the conference banquet.

7. All papers submitted to the competition are eligible for presentation in poster form at the conference, irrespective of placement in the competition. At the discretion of the conference chair, certain nonfinalist papers may be selected for oral presentation; this decision will be made only after the finalists have been selected and notified.

8. Papers submitted for the competition **should not** be submitted online for poster or oral presentation until the student is notified that the option is available.

### *Deadlines*

- **Prior to August 27, 2025 (extended deadline)**, submit paper via email;
- September 10, 2025, notification to the three finalists and their advisors or supervisors.

### **Send submissions to:**

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