



2026 EXCELLENCE IN THERMOSET POLYMER RESEARCH AWARD

Entry Forms Due on May 11, 2026. Papers Due on June 15, 2026. Winner to present at TRFA Annual Meeting on October 28, 2026 at The Westin Cleveland Downtown in Cleveland, OH.

Grand Prize

- \$1,500 cash award and an award plaque.
- An invitation to present the winning paper at the 2026 TRFA Annual Meeting, with complimentary registration for one person.
- Two-night complimentary accommodation at the TRFA meeting hotel.
- Additional travel allowance for one person up to \$500.
- Award winner will have their name and research title posted on the TRFA website and to be included in TRFA Meeting Materials, distributed to all attendees.

Additional Prizes May Be Awarded!

TRFA also awarded Honorable Mention Recipients with a \$500 cash award, along with up to \$500 in travel subsidies. Depending on the quality of submissions, the TRFA may also invite applicants to display posters about their respective papers. [Click here to see results of past competitions.](#)

Who is eligible?

The competition is open to all BS, MS and PhD students at an accredited college or university in the USA and Canada.

The Competition

The Thermoset Resin Formulators Association (TRFA) developed the Excellence in Thermoset Polymer Research competition to encourage and recognize advances in the science, engineering, and technology of thermosetting polymers and their formulations, used in a variety of industrial applications such as adhesives, sealants, electronic encapsulants, coatings, composites, and molding compounds. It is intended to provide students an opportunity to showcase their original research while gaining visibility and connecting with potential future employers.

How to Participate

- Entries must be in the form of research papers in the traditional scientific journal format.
- The research topic should be related to Thermoset Polymer Science and Technology.
- Submit a completed entry form and your research paper to TRFA Headquarters at info@trfa.org, or via online form. Your entry form must be received no later than May 11, 2026 to be considered. Your paper must be received no later than June 15, 2026 to be considered.
- Although complete papers are required for judgment process, the award winner is NOT required to publish the paper in meeting materials and on TRFA website.

2026 EXCELLENCE IN THERMOSET POLYMER RESEARCH ENTRY FORM

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Note: Entry Form must include the attached Submitter Release Form if the entrant, if awarded the grand prize, intends the winning paper to be published in TRFA meeting materials and on the TRFA Website. The TRFA Academic Panel may address the entrants for further questions and verification regarding their papers during the judging process.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

University/College: _____

Program of Study: _____

Advisor/Professor Name: _____

Advisor/Professor Phone: _____ Email: _____

Advisor/Professor Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

If you are awarded the grand prize, do you intend this paper to be published in TRFA Meeting Materials and on the TRFA website? *(Please note, your answer will not affect submission consideration.)*

YES NO

Title of Research Paper: _____

Abstract (Less than 200 words): Please attach in a word document.

Return this form via email to info@trfa.org OR mail:

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