



## **2020 Excellence in Thermoset Polymer Research Award**

**Entry Forms and Papers are Due November 15, 2019  
Winner to present at TRFA Annual Meeting, April 26-29, 2020 in  
Denver, Colorado.**

### **Grand Prize**

- \$1,500 cash award and an award plaque.
- An invitation to present the winning paper at the TRFA Annual Meeting on April 28, 2020 in Denver, Colorado 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!** Last year the quality of the student papers were so good, the judges recommended and the Association awarded a \$1,500 cash Award with \$500 travel subsidy as a Grand Prize and TWO \$500 cash awards to Honorable Mention Recipients along with up to \$500 in travel subsidies for each to attend the TRFA Annual Meeting, present their papers and display posters. And another six entrants were given up to \$500 in travel subsidy to attend the TRFA Annual Meeting and display posters about their papers. [Click here for the full results of the 2019 Award Competition.](#)

### **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 student researchers with visibility and exposure to potential future employers.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:info@trfa.org). Your entry form and research paper must be received no later than Friday, November 15, 2019 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.**

*The Winner will be announced on Friday, January 31, 2020 and the Award will be presented on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Membership in TRFA is not required for students to participate in the Excellence in Thermoset Polymer Research award competition. For more information about TRFA visit [www.trfa.org](http://www.trfa.org)*

## 2020 Excellence in Thermoset Polymer Research Entry Form

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*Note: 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: Jerilyn Church, TRFA Executive Director  
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