**Society of Nepalese Entomologists – Graduate Student Award**

The purpose of the SONE –Graduate Student Award is to encourage **Nepalese** graduate students who are currently working on their graduate programs in **Entomology**. The student should be a member of the Society of Nepalese Overseas Entomologists.

This award is established by SONE as an initiative to recognize graduate students for their outstanding contribution to entomology. The award includes cash prize and a certificate, which will be presented at the SONE-Symposium during the Annual ESA Meeting.

**Eligibility:**
All students using arthropods to study any aspect of insect biology/ecology, applied physiology, biochemistry, or molecular biology, applied pest management, toxicology, and or taxonomy and systematics in the broadest sense for their Master's or doctoral research are eligible to apply. The applicant does not have to present a paper at the SONE-Symposium in order to receive the award, but is encouraged to participate in graduate student presentation at the Annual ESA meeting. A student may re-apply but preference will be given to those who have not received the award previously. The winner must be an SONE student member at the time he/she applies for this award.

**Submit a Nominee:**
All nomination packages must be submitted electronically. The complete nomination package can be emailed to the SONE Graduate Student Awards Selection Committee in the following email addresses, sandipa.gautam@okstate.edu and shrestrb@iastate.edu, according to the following specifications:

* Page Limits - The entire nomination package must not exceed 20 pages in total. This includes letters of nomination and/or recommendation and publication lists.
* Letters of nomination and/or recommendations must be included in the electronic package.
* Only the files in PDF formats will be accepted. Please make a combined PDF of all the required documents and email the nomination file as a single file. Please make sure scanned images can be clearly read on a computer screen.
* Font size for text may not be smaller than 12 point.

**Nomination Requirements:**
Nominations may be made by anyone including self-nominations. Nomination packages for this award must include:

1. **CV-Related Items**
* Name of the student nominated as it appears on official records
* Student’s email address, local address, and phone number
* Degree to be received and major area of study/specialization
* Name of student’s research advisor and name and campus address of nominating department
* Resume/CV (2 pages excluding publication list, single spaced, 1 in. margins, 12 pt. font)
* Unofficial copy of graduate transcript
* Student - authored research project description (2 pages, double spaced, 1 in. margins, 12 pt. font
	+ Title
	+ Focus of research or definition of research problem
	+ Methodology employed
	+ Results
	+ Contributions to present state of knowledge and implications for future research
	+ Publications resulting from the research (if applicable)
* **A nomination letter describing the eligibility for the award**
* **A supporting letter**. This letter could be written by student’s major advisors or other faculty members and should address the nominee’s research skills and accomplishments.

**Evaluation Criteria:**
Nominees/candidates will be judged using the following criteria for a total of 50 points:

1. Academic credentials (GPA and the number of credits completed) (10)
2. Topic or areas of thesis research based on statement of research summary (10)
3. Presentations/Publications (10)
4. Recommendation (10)
5. Services on professional societies including SONE or future commitment for contribution (10)

**Deadline:**
Nomination packages must be received by SONE Graduate Student Awards Committee by **October 15, 12 PM ET**. This deadline refers to receipt by the awards administrator of a complete package in a readable format. Therefore, early submission is highly recommended.

**Re-nomination:**
Any candidate nominated, but not selected, may be re-nominated no more than two times within the two-year period after his/her initial submission. Re-nomination packages will be retained for two years by the awards administrator. Nominators must send a letter of re-nomination to the SONE- Graduate Student Award Selection Committee by the award deadline above. Previously submitted documentation will be used for the evaluation process unless the nominator submits new or updated documents.

**Notification:**
The SONE-Graduate Student Award Selection Committee will notify all candidates and their nominators, where applicable, with the results of their application approximately one month after the application/nomination submission deadline.