

**ANTLION PIT COMPETITION
PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT**

The **Entomological Society of America** (ESA) has organized an Antlion Pit Competition (APC) with awards to be made during ESA's Annual Meeting, November 5-8, 2023, in National Harbor, MD. The competition is open to all registered attendees of the Annual Meeting. APC participants (either individuals or teams) will propose projects for which they would like to receive funding to advance their work in the field of entomology. ESA will award one first place winner with a prize of \$5,000. ESA will select judges for the competition. The judges' decisions are final; and judges are under no obligation to award all – or any – of the prize money.

Each Antlion Pit Competition team must submit a written proposal (the "Proposal") containing a description of the project and how the funds would be used if awarded. Proposals must be received by ESA no later than Monday, August 21, 2023. Participants should be prepared to make final pitches in support of their Proposals during open sessions of the Annual Meeting and to answer judges' questions. The open sessions may be broadcast live or recorded for later broadcast via radio, television, podcast or social media. Although Proposals will be distributed only to judges and ESA staff, participants should have no expectation that their Proposals will remain confidential. As a condition to participating in the Antlion Pit Competition, each individual participant and each member of a participating team must sign this Participant Acknowledgment and Agreement.

I hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I have read this Participant Acknowledgment and Agreement and I desire to participate in the Antlion Pit Competition according to its terms.
2. I acknowledge that ESA cannot assure the confidentiality of materials submitted or presentations made in support of my/our Proposal.
3. I assume all risk associated with my participation in the Antlion Pit Competition and I release ESA, its directors, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, including Antlion Pit Competition judges, from any and all claims, liability, and damages that I may suffer or incur, whether directly or indirectly, as a result of my participation in the Antlion Pit Competition.
4. I represent and warrant to ESA that none of the materials being submitted in support of my/our Proposal infringe on any intellectual property rights of any third person. I further represent and warrant to ESA that all such materials are (a) original, (b) in the public domain, and/or (c) submitted with written permission and authorization of the owner of the intellectual property, with all associated licensing, royalty, or other fees fully paid.
5. I will indemnify and hold harmless ESA, and its directors, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, including Antlion Pit Competition judges, from any and all claims, liability, and damages (including attorneys' fees) that any of them may incur or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of my participation in the Antlion Pit Competition, or of my breach of any representation or warranty set forth in this Participant Acknowledgment and Agreement. I agree that I will be jointly and severally liable, along with the other members of my team (if any), for my indemnity obligation as set forth in this paragraph.

Signature

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Printed name and date

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