



First Circular
64th Symposium of the
Northeast Algal Society
April 24-26, 2026
Salem, Massachusetts

Please join us in hauntingly beautiful Salem, MA for the annual meeting of the Northeast Algal Society! The meeting will be held at Salem State University on **April 24-26, 2026**. The meeting co-conveners are [Lindsay Green-Gavrielidis](#), [Thea Popolizio](#), [Eric Salomaki](#), and [Kristina Terpis](#).

The 2026 theme, "**Evolving Ecosystems**" will feature an engaging and lively panel featuring **Dr. Jarrett Byrnes** (University of Massachusetts Boston), **Dr. Amanda Savoie** (Canadian Museum of Nature), and **Dr. Morgan Vis** (Ohio University).

Registration materials will be available online at <http://northeastalgae.org/future.html> by January 15, 2026. The registration, abstract, and student award deadlines are **Friday, March 13th, 2026**. Registration costs are projected to be \$300 for faculty and professionals and the NEAS-subsidized cost of \$200 for students and emeriti. Annual dues remain \$10 for all. For those unable to attend in person, we will also have a webinar option! We will make attendance (but not presenting) possible via Zoom. Final registration costs will be published in the second circular in early 2026.

Venue Information

This year's symposium will be held at Salem State University. A block of rooms has been reserved for the conference at the [Hampton Inn Salem Boston](#) in Salem, MA approximately one mile from campus. Room rates are \$245 per night for either a king or two-queen bed room. Please call the hotel at (978) 414-3100 by **March 13, 2026**, to secure conference pricing (prices will increase *significantly* after this date). Guest parking is available overnight (valet only) in a heated garage for \$20 per night.

The Saturday evening banquet will be held at the historic [Hamilton Hall](#), which is within walking distance of the hotel. Please note the building, which is on the historical register, does not currently provide handicap access to the second-floor banquet space. There is permanent ramp access to the first floor only. If you have any concerns about accessibility, please reach out to [Lindsay](#) or [Thea](#) in advance of the meeting so appropriate accommodations can be arranged.

Abstract Submission

Oral and poster presentations will be **limited to in-person participants only**. Abstracts for posters and oral presentations will be due **Friday March 13th, 2026**. They should be typed in MS Word (Mac or PC), single-spaced, using 12-point Times font, with 1" margins on the top and sides and must be **no longer than 325 words including the title, authors and affiliations**. For multi-author talks, please underline

the presenting author.

Abstracts should be submitted as an MS Word file (.doc or .docx) using the website. All abstracts will have editorial review. Please adhere strictly to the formatting guidelines shown in the example abstract. For ease of managing numerous files, please save the abstract using the following naming convention:

PresenterLastname.Brief Title.Abstract.docx (Schneider.Travel for algae research.Abstract.docx)

Example abstract:

Studying Tropical Algae to Justify Travel to Nice Locations for Research. Craig Schneider¹ & Gary Saunders². ¹Biology, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, 06106, U.S.A.; ²Centre for Environmental & Molecular Algal Research, Biology, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3, Canada.

A recent survey of aging faculty revealed a stunning trend, suggesting that those studying tropical algae were more excited about fieldwork than those working in polar regions...

Student Awards

The NEAS Development Committee offers several awards for graduate and undergraduate students. These include awards for the best oral presentation (one for graduate and one for undergraduate participants) and the best poster presentation (one for graduate and one for undergraduate participants). We encourage all participating students to compete for oral or poster **presentation awards**. These come with a cash prize! To be considered, check the appropriate box on the online abstract submission form.



Students also can apply for **research awards** or **book awards**. Details for each of these awards are included below.

Opportunities to get involved! Our society is run by volunteer members who help us moderate and judge sessions during the meeting, organize the yearly meetings, and assist us in running the society. If you are interested in helping us to moderate and/or judge student sessions, please check the respective boxes during meeting registration.

In addition, we are **recruiting volunteers to run for two Executive Committee Positions!** The open positions are 1) Nominations Committee Chair Elect (1 year term, followed by 2 years as the Nominations Committee Chair) and 2) Member-at-Large (3-year term). Please reach out to Nominations Committee Chair, [Diba Khan-Bureau](#) with any questions or to express your interest.



In addition, the **Science Communications Committee is seeking members.** This committee manages the society's social media presence to highlight the importance of algae and share the accomplishments of our professional and student members. The Science Communications Committee also manages our publications (e.g., lab activity manual; macroalgal taxonomic key). By joining the Science Communications Committee, you can help develop and promote outreach efforts via our social media, annual meetings, and other projects. We are seeking two additional members to the committee. This is a great opportunity for NEAS members at all career stages, including students, professionals, and retired members, that are interested in being more involved. Please contact committee chair [Sarah Whorley](#) for more information and to express your interest in joining the committee.

Lastly, **we are looking for co-conveners for NEAS 2027** and beyond! If you are interested in helping co-convene a future meeting, please contact NEAS President [Brian Wysor](#).

Annual NEAS Auction: We encourage you to donate to the society auction (live and silent), which will happen after the banquet. Please consider donating both phycollogical (books, art, food, clothing – e.g., ties) and non-phycollogical items as a means of supporting the society and its students. Our talented auctioneer, Craig Schneider, already has some spectacular items for you to bid on! If you have a donation, contact [Craig](#) directly. Students: Dr. Schneider's special rule for students works in your favor at the auction.

NEAS items: If you need to refresh your NEAS-based wardrobe, check out our Red- Bubble store: <https://www.redbubble.com/people/NortheastAlgae/>. NEAS receives a percentage of every purchase!

Looking forward to seeing you in the Witch City

Lindsay, Thea, Eric, and Kristina



**Grants-in-Aid to Support Graduate Student Research
Northeast Algal Society Development Committee
Due Date: March 13th, 2026**

The Northeast Algal Society Development Committee is pleased to continue its small grants program to facilitate student research, recognizing that small amounts of support can be critical to the success of a project. Funding for this small **graduate student grant** is provided through monies raised by the NEAS Development Committee.

Eligibility: Applicants must be currently enrolled as a graduate student in any campus located in the Northeastern United States and Canada¹. PhD and MSc students are eligible. All expenses must be incurred while the applicant still has student status.

Awards: Grants are made in the amount of up to \$1000 and are intended to enable the student to accomplish work that would otherwise not be possible. All expenses should be incurred in support of the proposed investigation. Students are encouraged to correspond directly with the NEAS at asavoie@nature.ca if they have questions concerning the eligibility of expenses.

Ideal:

- purchase of supplies, goods, and services
- travel to and from field sites

Will be considered:

- support for assistants
- tuition and expenses for taking critical techniques courses not available at the home institution

Not eligible:

- indirect costs, student fees or tuition to the applicant's institution
- self-stipends
- travel to scientific meetings

¹ Northeastern region, as defined by the US census bureau includes the states of NJ, PA, NY, VT, NH, ME MA CT and RI. NEAS also includes the neighboring states of OH, MD, WV and DE, and the Canadian provinces of ON, QC, NS, NB and PE. Students from other regions should contact asavoie@nature.ca prior to submitting an application.

Evaluation and Selection: Selection of recipients will be based primarily on the applicant's research proposal and supporting letters. Additional criteria will include past research achievements, the applicability of the project to the field of phycology, and the perceived future of the applicant as a researcher. Proposals are reviewed by the NEAS Development Committee members in consultation with the member institutions. Students can receive a maximum of two Grants-in-Aid awards in the course of their education. The NEAS reserves the right to partially fund projects if so recommended. We may also choose to not issue a grant in any given year if the applications are unsuitable for support.

Application Procedure: To be eligible for consideration, send one (1) electronic copy (.pdf format preferably) of all application materials to asavoie@nature.ca on or before **March 13th**, 2026, with the words "NEAS GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT" in the subject line.

The applicant must submit the completed application as described below including their curriculum vitae (CV). The CV should include where the student is in their educational training, and when appropriate, a list of papers presented at meetings, publications, and grants and fellowships received.

In addition, the applicant should request at least one letter of recommendation from the advisor, major professor or other faculty member who can comment on the applicant's research and experience. The letter writer should be a current or former NEAS member. Letters should be submitted directly from the letter writer to asavoie@nature.ca to ensure confidentiality.

Your application must address all items below, and you must ensure that the complete application, including the letters of recommendation is submitted on time. Incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed.

- Name
- Address (include mailing address, phone number, and email).
- A statement clearly indicating that you are a graduate student (MSc or PhD).
- Title of proposed research project.
- Description of your proposed research. Maximum 2 pages, single spaced 12 pt. font. This page limit must include your title, abstract and any figures, but need not include literature references or supporting letters.
- Location(s) where research will be conducted. You should also identify what faculty member and institutions are participating in this work.
- An itemized budget (**maximum total = \$1000**) describing how the funds will be spent. Include a brief justification for each item. See the paragraph entitled "Awards" on page 1 for a description of allowed expenses.
- Current CV including your current field of study and educational background.
- Name, address, and phone number(s) of major professor or advisor submitting letter of recommendation.

Reporting Requirements:

Students who receive funding will be required to:

- submit a final report (one page) to NEAS that indicates the activity and how it benefited them
- acknowledge NEAS support for their research in any papers, oral or poster presentations that were derived from such support
- submit a short paragraph of what they did with the funding, suitable for posting on the NEAS website

The recipients are strongly encouraged to attend the annual NEAS meeting and will receive **free registration** to do so. They are also **encouraged** to present their work.

All items should be submitted to asavoie@nature.ca with the subject line NEAS GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH REPORT no later than one year after funds are received.



**Grants-in-Aid to Support Undergraduate Student Research
Ron Hoham Undergraduate Research Grant**

Due Date: March 13th, 2026

The Northeast Algal Society Development Committee is pleased to continue its small grants program to facilitate student research, recognizing that small amounts of support can be critical to the success of a project. Funding for this small **undergraduate grant** is provided through the establishment of the “Ron Hoham NEAS Undergraduate Research Grant”.

Eligibility: Applicants must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate student on any campus located in the Northeastern United States and eastern Canada². All expenses must be incurred while the applicant still has student status.

Awards: Grants are made in the amount of up to \$750 and are intended to enable the student to accomplish work that would otherwise not be possible. All expenses should be incurred in support of the proposed investigation. Students are encouraged to correspond directly with the NEAS at asavoie@nature.ca if they have questions concerning the eligibility of expenses.

Ideal:

- purchase of supplies, goods, and services
- travel to and from field sites

Will be considered:

- support for assistants
- tuition and expenses for taking critical techniques courses not available at the home institution

Not eligible:

- indirect costs, student fees or tuition to the applicant's institution
- self-stipends
- travel to scientific meetings

² Northeastern region includes the states of NJ, PA, NY, VT, NH, ME, MA, CT and RI and the Canadian provinces of ON, QC, NS, NB and PE. NEAS also includes the neighboring states of OH, MD, WV, VA and DE. Students from other regions should contact asavoie@nature.ca prior to submitting an application.

Evaluation and Selection: Selection of recipients will be based primarily on the applicant's research proposal and supporting letters. Additional criteria will include past research achievements, the applicability of the project to the field of psychology, and the perceived future of the applicant as a researcher. Proposals are reviewed by the NEAS Development Committee members in consultation with the member institutions. Students can receive a maximum of two Grants-in-Aid awards in the course of their education. The NEAS reserves the right to partially fund projects if so recommended. We may also choose to not issue a grant in any given year if the applications are unsuitable for support.

Application Procedure: To be eligible for consideration, send one (1) electronic copy (.pdf format preferably) of all application materials to asavoie@nature.ca on or before **March 13th, 2026** with the words "NEAS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT" in the subject line.

The applicant must submit the completed application as described below including their curriculum vitae (CV). The CV should include where the student is in their educational training, and when appropriate, a list of papers presented at meetings, publications, and grants and fellowships received.

In addition, the applicant should request at least one letter of recommendation from their advisor, major professor or other faculty member who can comment on the applicant's research and experience. The letter writer should be a current or former NEAS member. Letters should be submitted directly from the letter writer to asavoie@nature.ca to ensure confidentiality.

Your application must address all items below, and you must ensure that the complete application, including the letters of recommendation is submitted on time. Incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed.

- Name
- Address (include mailing address, phone number, and email). This address will be used as the shipping address for any items ordered through this program.
- A statement clearly indicating you are an undergraduate student and expected graduation date.
- Title of proposed research project.
- Description of your proposed research. Maximum 2 page, single spaced 12 pt. font. This page limit must include your title, abstract and any figures, but need not include literature references or supporting letters.
- Location(s) where research will be conducted. You should also identify what faculty member and institutions are participating in this work.
- An itemized budget (**maximum total = \$750**) describing how the funds will be spent. Include a brief justification for each item. See the paragraph entitled "Award" on page 1 for a description of allowed expenses.
- Current CV including your current field of study and educational background.
- Name, address, and phone number(s) of major professor or advisor submitting letters of recommendation.

Reporting Requirements:

Students awarded funding will be required to:

- submit a final report (one page) to NEAS that indicates the activity and how it benefited them
- acknowledge NEAS support for their research in any papers, oral or poster presentations that were derived from such support
- submit a short paragraph of what they did with the funding that is suitable for posting on the NEAS website

Recipients are required to attend the annual NEAS meeting and will receive **free registration** to do so. This requirement will be waived if the recipients have extenuating circumstances that make attendance unusually difficult. They are also encouraged to present their work.

All items should be submitted to asavoie@nature.ca with the subject line NEAS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH REPORT no later than one year after funds are received.

NEAS BOOK AWARD 2026



Book Award RFP

NEAS will offer awards on a competitive basis to support students and post-doctoral fellows in developing a professional phycozoological library. The intent of this award is to encourage an interest in phycozoology and promote professional development. The Book Awards are supported by funds raised by the Barry Colt Student Development Committee.

Eligibility

Student and post-doctoral NEAS members who will be attending the annual symposium may apply for up to 100% of the cost of a single phycozoological text or written work. Applications can be submitted by students or post-doctoral scholars in any stage of their studies however a strong preference is given to applicants that did not receive a book award in the prior year. Only one application per year can be submitted per applicant.

Application

This book award is competitive. Awards may be full or partial. Applicants must complete the attached form and return it in electronic form to Greg Boyer at gboyer@esf.edu. All applications must be **received by March 13th, 2026**, to be considered. Applicants should make a convincing case for how the acquisition will improve their development. The application must be endorsed by the candidate's advisor/mentor. The explanation for proposed funding should not exceed the space allotted on the following form (12pt font, same margins). Brevity is appreciated. If your application is not acknowledged by Greg within a few days after sending, please email him to be certain he indeed did receive it.

Notification

Awardees will be notified during the NEAS meeting. **Recipients must be in attendance** to receive the award unless special arrangements have been made with Greg Boyer prior to the meeting date.

NEAS BOOK AWARD APPLICATION
Due Date: March 13th, 2026
Submit to: Greg Boyer (glboyer@esf.edu)

Student's Name: _____
Institution: _____
Department: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____
Country: _____ Phone #: _____
Email: _____

Advisor/Mentor's Name: _____

Degree program: Master's Ph.D. Post-doc Other (specify):
Year (circle one): 1st year 2nd year 3rd year 4th year 5th year 6th year

Requested Book Author & Title:

ISBN:

Publisher:

Available from:

Cost:

Have you received a NEAS Book Award previously? YES, Year: _____ NO

Explanation of how this book will enhance your psychological program:

I hereby certify that I am the advisor of this student or post-doc and agree with the acquisition of this volume. **Printed name, e-signature, and date:**

Development Committee only:

Approved _____ Ordered From: _____ Date: _____
Received _____