

# The Carl Strom / Western Exterminator Company Scholarship in Urban Entomology 2025

Western Exterminator Company, the West's largest and oldest family-owned structural pest control company, has established a scholarship fund at the University of California, Riverside, to support undergraduate and graduate students studying and conducting research in Urban Entomology. Founded in 1921, Western is recognized as a leading service provider and innovator in the structural pest control industry. Western Exterminator Company focuses on the control of pest insects, spiders, wood-destroying organisms, and vertebrate pests in and around structures. The intention of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to outstanding students to further studies and research that benefit the structural pest control industry. Both financial need and research excellence will be considered.

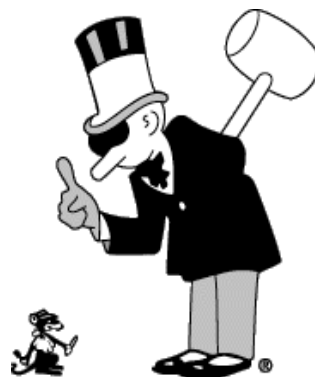
**Award:** Scholarships in Urban Entomology are available for graduate student (Ph.D. or M.S.) and undergraduate student. There may be multiple graduate or undergraduate recipients. The scholarships are awarded at the annual UCR Urban Pest Management Conference at which recipients are expected to attend and give a poster presentation of their research. The cost of the poster will be paid for by conference funds. We plan to hold the 2025 conference on March 25 at the UCR Hub (Conference Room 302).

**Eligibility:** Recipients must be a full-time U.C. Riverside student in good standing with an overall minimum GPA of 3.0. The student's area of study, research emphasis, or interest shall be in an area of benefit to the structural pest control industry of California. Such areas include, but are not limited to the biology and control of urban insect pests, issues dealing with chemical residues or exposure, urban pesticides in the environment, or novel / creative strategies for urban insect pest management. Undergraduates are encouraged to complete a research course in urban entomology (Special Studies ENTM 190 or Research for Undergraduates ENTM 197) before or during the academic year they receive the award.

**Application Process:** Candidates must provide (1) a 1-page maximum self-statement concerning their need for the scholarship, and (2) a 3-page maximum research statement on their research and its relevance to the structural pest control industry. Please also attach the scholarship application form. Applications are to be submitted to Dr. Dong-Hwan Choe, Department of Entomology, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521 (email submission is preferred). A committee comprised of representatives of the UCR Department of Entomology and Western Exterminator Company select the scholarship recipients. **Complete applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. February 4, 2025.**

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# APPLICATION FORM

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Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_  
(print)

Contact e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check* UCR Graduate student ☐ or UCR Undergraduate student ☐

(1) Self-statement (1-page maximum, please attach separately)

(2) Research statement (3-page maximum, please attach separately)