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**E. Lucy Braun Award** **for Excellence in Ecology (Outstanding Student Poster)  
Murray F. Buell Award for Excellence in Ecology (Outstanding Student Talk)**

If you are a student (undergraduate or graduate) who is the presenting author of a presentation, you are eligible to be considered for the E. Lucy Braun Award or the Murray F. Buell Award. Presentations will be judged on significance of ideas, creativity, quality of methodology, validity of conclusions drawn from results, and clarity of presentation. The students selected for these awards will be announced in the ESA Bulletin following the Annual Meeting. A certificate and a check for $500 will be presented to the recipient at the following ESA Annual Meeting.

While all students are encouraged to participate for the appropriate award, winning papers and posters typically describe fully completed projects. To apply for the award, first submit your abstract using the online submission system. Note the abstract ID number received in your confirmation email. Then, complete this application (on a computer, please) and email it to [buellbraun@esa.org](mailto:buellbraun@esa.org) by 5 PM Eastern Time (2 PM Pacific Time) on the abstract submission deadline. This year’s deadline is Thursday, February 22. You must complete all three parts of the form in order to be considered.

**Part 1. Applicant Information**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Presentation Type and Award for which you are applying:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Contributed Talk (Buell Award)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Contributed Poster (Braun Award)

At the time of the presentation I will be (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_an undergraduate student

\_\_\_\_\_a graduate student

\_\_\_\_\_a recent doctorate not more than 9 months past graduation

I will be the ( ) sole ( ) senior author (check one) of the paper/poster.

Does the research presented describe the results of a fully completed project? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Abstract ID #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2. Applicant Essay**

In 250 words or less, describe why/how the research you are presenting will advance the field of ecology.

**Part 3. Applicant Abstract**

Copy and paste your abstract title, author list, and body text into this document below. It’s ok if it doesn’t all fit on this page.