

Canadian Botanical Association/
L'Association Botanique du Canada
(CBA/ABC)



Congratulations to the 2025 award winners

Félicitations à tous les lauréats pour les prix 2025 !

Undergraduate Awards

Awards and regional undergraduate competitions

2025 Recipients

Science Atlantic meeting at Acadia University

Jada Ripley (Mount Allison University) For best botany presentation: Pollinator importance of a specialist bee, *Macropis nuda*, versus other generalist visitors to a New Brunswick population of *Lysimachia terrestris* .

Rowan Kernaghan (St. Mary's University). For best botany Poster: Distribution patterns of bryophytes on Nova Scotian farmland.

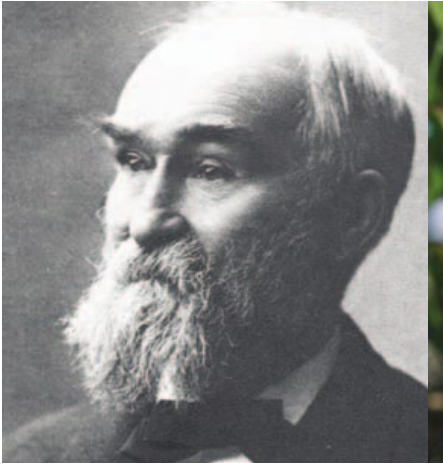
Awards presented by Zoe Panchen.

Ontario Biology Day

Spenser Morouney (Wilfrid Laurier University) for best presentation: SEEDS OF CHANGE: IMPACTS OF PERMAFROST DISTURBANCE ON TUNDRA SHRUB REPRODUCTION

Sofiyyah Oladipupo (McMaster University) for best poster: THE EFFECT OF INTERSTRAIN COMPETITION ON THE NODULE OCCUPANCY OF GREEN PEA PLANTS

Awards presented by Peter Ryser.



Macoun Travel Bursary

For graduate students presenting a paper or a poster at the annual meeting of the CBA/ABC.

2025 Recipients:

Emma Neigel, Lethbridge

Katerina Coveny, Waterloo

AJ Deneka, Canadian Museum of Nature

Sandamini Bandara, Manitoba

Claire Schon, Waterloo

Mia Courville-Todorov, Moncton

Undergraduate Travel Bursary

For undergraduate students presenting a paper or a poster at the annual meeting of the CBA/ABC.

2025 Recipients:

Spenser Morouney, Acadia

Consaul Northern Research Scholarship

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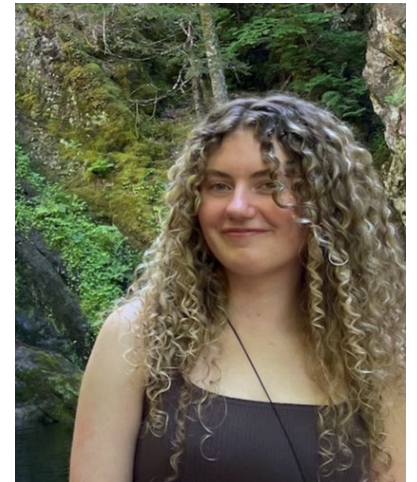


For undergraduate or graduate students doing field research in Botany in the northern regions of Canada.

Winner:

Tedi Pollack, Acadia University

**Investigating arctic lousewort for
mycorrhizae: cultivation methods
for culturally important plants**

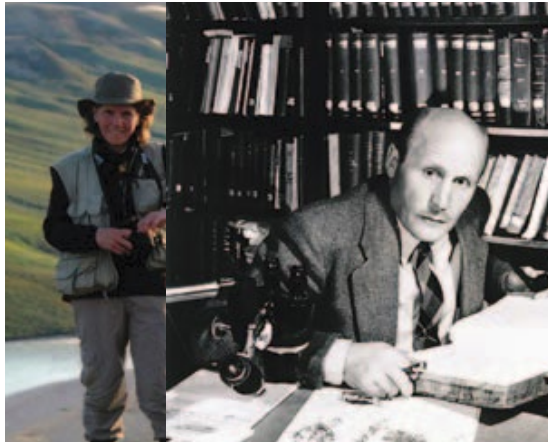


Committee:

Mélanie Jean
Melissande Nagati

Cape Bounty, Melville Island, and Iqaluit, Baffin Island
Supervisor: Zoe Panchen

Student Paper awards



Porsild-Consaul Award

For the best paper published by a student in systematics, evolution and biodiversity.

Winner:

Nicolas Penafiel Loaiza, Memorial University

[Nicolás Peñafiel Loaiza](#), [Abigail H. Chafe](#), [Mónica Moraes R](#), [Nora H. Oleas](#), [Julissa Roncal](#). 2024.

Genotyping-by-sequencing informs conservation of Andean palms sources of non-timber forest products. Evolutionary Applications. 17: e13765. <https://doi.org/10.1111/eva.13765>





Weresub Award

For the best paper published by a student in mycology.

Winner:

Adele Bunbury-Blanchette, St. Mary's University

Judges:

Alison Walker,
Melisande Nagati,
Yan Wang

Bunbury-Blanchette, A.L.,
Fan, L., and Kernaghan, G.
2024. Yeast communities of
a North American hybrid
wine grape differ between
organic and conventional
vineyards. Journal of
Applied Microbiology **135**:
lxae092.





Rowe Award

For the best paper published by a student
in the field of Ecology or Conservation.

Winner:

Ziqi Ye, Laurentian University

Judges:

Marlow Pellatt

J.C. Cahill

Nancy Shackelford

Laurent Lamarque

Chris Eckert

Ye, Z., Mu, Y., Van Duzen, S. and Ryser, P., 2024. Root and shoot phenology, architecture, and organ properties: an integrated trait network among 44 herbaceous wetland species. *New Phytologist*, 244(2), pp.436-450.

Magister Teaching Award

For excellence in teaching botany/plant biology > 10 years as a faculty member at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

Committee: Mason Kulbaba, Christian Lacroix, John Markham

Recipient: Karen Tanino
University of Saskatchewan





Iain and Sylvia Taylor Award

Award sponsored by Canadian
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For the best poster presented by a student at the CBA/ABC annual meeting.

Winner:

Romina Silva Espejo. Richness and composition of foliicolous lichens from the northeastern part of Puebla, Mexico

Cinq-Mars Award

For the best oral presentation by a student at the Canadian Botanical Association annual meeting.

Honorable mention: **Katie King**. Identifying the sym-biotic fungi of the endangered Ram's-Head Lady Slipper orchidin Nova Scotia, Canada

Winner: **Claire O'Brien**. Thermokarst can stimulate tall shrub productivity and facilitate plant-soil feedbacks at the taiga-tundra ecotone