



## William C. Reeves New Investigator Award

Applications for the 2026 William C. Reeves New Investigator Award will be accepted until November 3, 2025. The William C. Reeves New Investigator Award, memorializing Dr. William C. Reeves, who was a renowned University of California entomologist, is sponsored by the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC). The award is presented to the best scientific paper submitted and presented at the annual MVCAC conference. **The Reeves New Investigator Award application differs from the MVCAC Call for Papers, if you have an additional speaking topic for the Call for Papers, please follow that application and guidelines.**

**2026 MVCAC Annual Conference**  
**February 1-3, 2026**  
Omni Rancho Las Palmas

**Application due: November 3, 2025**  
**Papers due: December 20, 2025**

### Winners Receive:

**First Place: \$1,250 and a plaque**

**Second Place: \$500**

**Third Place: \$250**

### Eligibility

- Applicant must be a new investigator, defined as:
  - Anyone who has worked in mosquito and vector control for five years or less, OR
  - Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, OR
  - Received a degree from an undergraduate or graduate program within the last five calendar years (for 2025, no earlier than January 1, 2020).
- Applicants must submit a complete application packet.
- Applicants must give a 15-minute presentation followed by a 5-minute Q&A during the Reeves New Investigator Award Symposium at the MVCAC Annual Conference.

### Judgment Criteria

The Reeves New Investigator competition has both a written and presentation component. Applicants will be evaluated on:

- Quality of the study upon which the paper and presentation are based
- Written manuscript and accompanying extended abstract. If authors submit a full manuscript for inclusion in the MVCAC Proceedings, an extended abstract is not required
- 15-minute conference presentation

Awards will be presented at the MVCAC Annual Conference Banquet. All Reeves candidates will receive a complimentary banquet ticket.

### Application Procedure

Application packets must be submitted to [mvcac@mvcac.org](mailto:mvcac@mvcac.org) by **November 3, 2025** and must include:

1. **Completed MVCAC Reeves New Investigator Award form**
2. **Proof of enrollment, graduation, or entry into field**
  - Enrollment: letter from advisor or department chair
  - Graduation: copy of diploma or other acceptable documentation (degree must be within the last 5 years)
  - New to the field ( $\leq 5$  years): letter of support from district manager or direct supervisor

3. **Manuscript for evaluation** should address the biology or control of vectors or vector-borne diseases. To participate manuscripts must be submitted to [mvccac@mvccac.org](mailto:mvccac@mvccac.org) by **December 20, 2025**
- Applicant must be senior author, or have contributed substantially enough to warrant senior authorship
  - Acceptable manuscript types:
    - Full manuscript for publication in the MVCAC Proceedings (no extended abstract required)
    - Draft manuscript intended for submission elsewhere (extended abstract required)
    - Previously published or accepted first-author manuscript (extended abstract required)
4. **Extended abstract summarizing the manuscript** (included in the MVCAC Proceedings)
- If summarizing an accepted/published paper, the abstract must include a reference to the manuscript
  - See [MVCAC Guidelines for Authors](#) for formatting requirements

Applicants must submit their packets electronically to [mvccac@mvccac.org](mailto:mvccac@mvccac.org). Packets must include the Application Form, Proof of Enrollment/Graduation/Entry into Field, and either a Manuscript **or** Summary for Publication with accepted/ published manuscript in PDF file format, with an editable copy of their manuscript or summary that meets the **requirements of the MVCAC Proceedings**, which is also available for download at <http://www.mvccac.org/resources/publications/>. As a Reeves New Investigator Award candidate, you still must register for the MVCAC conference, however, may do so at the student rate regardless of employment status.



## Reeves New Investigator Application

Title of paper:

Authors (please list full name and district or university)

Name of person presenting paper:

Audio/Visual requirements: LCD projector and PC with pre-loaded presentation will be provided standard. If you require other AV needs (wifi, sound, etc) please note here (you will be notified if this request is approved):

### Requirements.

Please see the ***Application Procedure*** page for all requirements regarding the William C. Reeves New Investigator Award. Each complete application will be evaluated by the Reeves New Investigator Award Committee. Applications that are incomplete or submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

### Deadline for Submission.

The deadline for submission of Reeves New Investigator Award Application is November 3, 2025. Please submit applications directly to: **Kristi Maryman, MVCAC Meeting Manager, [mvcac@mvcac.org](mailto:mvcac@mvcac.org)**.