

ASC Ph.D. Scholarship for Academic Year 2026-27

The mission of the American Society for Composites (ASC) is to provide a communication forum for the engineering and scientific community in composite materials and to provide the growth of knowledge from interdisciplinary engineering and scientific research in composite materials. In keeping with this mission, ASC is pleased to announce an annual graduate student research scholarship grant program for formally enrolled Ph.D. students in engineering or science whose dissertation research is focused on some aspect of composite materials. The grant will consist of two parts. The first part is a grant of \$1000 for the student to support the student's research. The second part is reimbursement of travel expenses up to \$1250 including conference registration to help the student attend the annual ASC Technical Conference and accept the award at the conference banquet. Organized by University of Wisconsin, the 41st ASC Technical Conference will be held in Madison, Wisconsin during September 28th- October 1st, 2026.

Eligibility of nominators: Nominators must be members of ASC. While it is expected that the doctoral advisor of the student is the nominator, nominations may also be submitted by any ASC member familiar with the student's work. They are requested to submit the form below (next page) along with the supporting information electronically by **Friday, May 29, 2026**. Decisions will be announced by July 15, 2026.

Eligibility of students: Students applying for the PhD Scholarship Award must be members of ASC and may apply for the award upon passing their PhD proposal or comprehensive exam. Students who will have graduated by the time they receive the award shall be ineligible for the award. Nominators should submit the application form along with the following supporting information as a **single PDF file**:

1. Nominee's resume indicating month and year of passing the PhD comprehensive exam.
2. A research statement (not exceeding 1250 words) written by the nominee including a brief summary of state of the art, objectives, methods, expected contributions, results to date, relevant figures, and references.
3. Nomination letter describing the qualifications of the nominee for an ASC Scholarship.
4. Copy of the nominee's university transcript. Official transcript will be required only from students selected for the award.
5. Additional reference letter from a person familiar with the nominee's research.

Items (1) through (4) above should be emailed directly by the advisor as **one PDF file** to Prof. Salviato, the Chair of the ASC PhD Scholarship Award Committee, at salviato@aa.washington.edu by **Friday, May 29, 2026**. The additional reference letter should also be emailed by the reference directly to Prof. Salviato before the deadline. The reference letter can be from a person at the same university or another institution, industry, or research laboratory.

Successful nominee(s) selected to receive the scholarship will be asked to arrange to send the official university transcript directly from the university registrar's office.

American Society for Composites Ph.D. Research Scholarship Program

Academic Year 2026-2027

Nominator Information:

Name: _____ ASC Member No.: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

University: _____

Ph.D. Dissertation topic: _____

Month and year of passing the PhD proposal/comprehensive exam: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Faculty Advisor information if different from nominator (faculty advisor must be a current ASC member)

Name: _____ ASC Member No.: _____

Department and University: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____