**Tollefsbol Best Paper Award Nomination**

Nomination deadline- January 30

**Dr. Trygve Tollefsbol Best Paper Endowed Award in Biology**

This endowment has been established due to the generosity of Dr. Trygve Tollefsbol and former students. The first-place award is $1000 cash for the best, first-author paper submitted by a graduate student in the Department of Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences at UAB. A second-place award will also be presented for $500 cash.

**In order for a paper to qualify:**

* It must be published within the previous calendar year (e.g., for January 10, 2025 nominations, papers must be published in 2024) or can be “in press” with editorial confirmation.
* It must be anonymously peer-reviewed.
* The awardee should be the first-listed author on the submitted paper and in good standing with the UAB Department of Biology.

The primary criteria for selection of the papers for the award includes significance, innovation and overall scientific impact.  Preference will be given to empirical papers although theoretical papers, review articles and the like may be considered for the award.

**The application should include:**

* a nomination letter/cover letter that also includes a brief note from the mentor stating
  + (1) the primary work was accomplished by the student at UAB
  + (2) the student is in good standing
* the CV of the first-author student
* an electronic copy of the manuscript (including supplementals)

The complete application should be submitted as a single PDF. Selection of recipients will be made by a selection committee in accordance with these guidelines.

Applications should be submitted to [graduatebio@uab.edu](mailto:graduatebio@uab.edu) by the deadline listed above.