



CALL FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Submission Deadline: February 6, 2026

**30th Annual
Western Hemispheric Trade Conference
April 15-17, 2026**

Two-Track Conference: In-Person and Virtual

The Center for the Study of Western Hemispheric Trade extends a special invitation to graduate and undergraduate students to take part in our upcoming 30th Annual Western Hemispheric Trade Conference taking place April 15-17, 2026. The 2026 Conference will have two tracks: Track 1 will be held on the campus of TAMIU in Laredo, Texas, USA; Track 2 will be held virtually. Towards this goal, we are happy to announce our Student Paper Competition in which an award will be offered to the best student paper presented at the Conference.

The **Best Student Paper Award** will include:

- Plaque for each eligible author
- Honorarium of \$400 to be shared among eligible author(s)
- Free registration for the 2027 Conference
- Automatic consideration for publication in *The International Trade Journal*

Authors of high-quality papers that are not chosen for the award are eligible to receive an **Honorable Mention Award** which will include:

- Honorarium of \$100 to be shared among eligible author(s)
- Free registration for the 2027 Conference

An author is considered eligible for prizes if he/she registers for the Conference and actively participates by presenting his/her work during the time designated in the Conference program.

GUIDELINES:

- Papers must be authored by the student(s) submitting the paper and may only be co-authored with other students.
- Papers must be original work developed as a Conference research paper, not a project report for funded work.
- Papers must follow general Conference paper submission guidelines.
- Student(s) must present the paper during the time designated in the Conference program to qualify for prizes.
- Only submissions written and presented in English will be eligible.
- Evaluation will be based on the quality of both the paper and presentation.
- Students must be enrolled at the time of the Conference. We ask that students have their faculty advisor confirm their student status and level of study at the time the paper is submitted via email to cswht@tamiu.edu.

Award decisions will be made by an Awards Committee formed among members of the Conference Program Committee and announced during the closing activities as designated in the Conference program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please contact the Center for the Study of Western Hemispheric Trade at Texas A&M International University, 5201 University Boulevard, WHTC 221, Laredo, Texas 78041, email cswht@tamiu.edu, call 956.326.2820, or visit www.tamiu.edu/cswht.