



Aeroballistics Range Association

ARA 2026 Student Participation Program including \$2,000 Travel Support to Attend the 75th Meeting of the ARA in Santa Cruz, CA, USA, August 23-28, 2026

The Association

The Aeroballistics Range Association is an international organization devoted to sharing research and development progress in the broad field of experimental ballistics. An important goal of the Association is to foster infusion of young scholars into these exciting areas of research. Toward this end, the Association has established the Student Participation Program to allow students to attend our annual conference in the fall of each year and present a research paper. More than one student may be supported.

The 2026 Annual Conference

The 2026 Conference will be held in Santa Cruz, California, USA and hosted by Hadland Imaging. Further details on the meeting are available at the following: <https://hadlandimaging.com/ara2026/>

The Student Participation Program

The selected students will each receive two thousand dollars (in U.S. currency) and will be granted free participation in the standard activities of the conference.

Eligibility for the Program

The student must be registered as a student at an academic institution at the time of the conference, and he/she must be interested in pursuing a career in ballistics or a related discipline. While the program is designed primarily for graduate students, senior level undergraduate students may also apply as appropriate.

1. Participants must submit a research paper at the conference. The paper must be cleared to appear in the open literature.
2. Participants must give an oral presentation of their research paper at the conference.
3. Participants must attend all technical sessions of the conference.

Extended Deadlines

All documents pertaining to the application must be received by July 1, 2026. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged when received or shortly thereafter by email.

Award recipients will be notified by email no later than July 20, 2026. Additional details of the conference will be provided with that notification.

How to Apply for the Program

Applicants must submit the following documents to apply for the program:

1. Name, address, telephone number, email and academic institution of the applicant and the academic advisor.
2. A letter from the applicant outlining his/her reasons for wanting to participate.
3. A letter of recommendation from the academic advisor on the letterhead of the academic institution.
4. A detailed abstract (not to exceed 1,000 words) of the research paper to be presented.

Applications may be submitted by regular mail or email (Microsoft Word or PDF attachments only) to:

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Questions?

If you have questions regarding the Program, please contact Dr. Vandersall at the above email address.