

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE ARBORETUM GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

Purpose

- ◆ To recognize outstanding graduate students in woody plant research.
- ◆ To promote research on trees and tree problems.
- ◆ To provide better trees and tree care for Nebraska.
- ◆ To provide supplemental financial support for graduate study; not to replace departmental funds.

Award

- ◆ A certificate of recognition.
- ◆ Recognition at the annual Curator's Meeting & Awards Luncheon and one complimentary luncheon ticket.
- ◆ A monthly stipend of \$120 for 10 months.

Eligibility

- ◆ Any graduate student at any Nebraska college or university. Student must be currently enrolled during the period of the award and actively pursuing an advanced degree; must be a full-time student. Applicants do not need to be on an assistantship.
- ◆ Financial need is part of the criteria and students should be devoting full time to their studies and research. Students holding full time professional positions are not eligible.
- ◆ The graduate program should have an emphasis dealing with some aspect of the biology of trees and shrubs.
- ◆ A student may receive the award only once during any degree program.

Possible areas of study (emphasis should be on woody plants)

- ◆ Physiology.
- ◆ Ecology.
- ◆ Anatomy.
- ◆ Genetics/Breeding.
- ◆ Tree improvement.
- ◆ Agroforestry or Shelterbelt ecology
- ◆ Woodlot management – including management for wildlife
- ◆ Propagation/tissue culture.
- ◆ Forest pests (insect and disease).
- ◆ Establishment techniques – including wildlife damage control.

Examples of areas not eligible

- ◆ Effect of vegetation removal or methods of vegetation removal.
- ◆ Studies dealing with wildlife where emphasis is on the biology of the animal rather than the woody vegetation.
- ◆ Landscape architecture.
- ◆ Studies dealing with administration of tree programs, policy, etc.

Criteria for evaluation

- ◆ Grades – undergraduate and graduate.
- ◆ Research – quality and area.
- ◆ Importance of research for Nebraska. (Should be clearly stated.)
- ◆ Community involvement/activity (i.e., in the university, college, local community/schools etc.).
- ◆ Individual goals and objectives.
- ◆ Recommendations.
- ◆ Financial need (In cases where students are closely ranked, financial need should be considered.)

Nomination Form
Graduate Student Research Award

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE ARBORETUM
Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Name of Nominee _____

Institution _____ Department _____

Degree sought _____

Field of study _____ Expected completion date _____

Advisor(s) _____

Nominee mailing address _____

Nominee telephone number (office) _____ (home) _____

Previous Education

(Institutions attended, degrees(s), years, and majors)

Academic Records

1. Undergraduate GPA _____
2. Attach a list of graduate level courses and grades or a copy of graduate transcript.

Thesis Topic

(A brief description of the research project written by the nominee.) These paragraphs should be in layman's terms so it is understandable to individuals who are outside of the discipline area. Please also explain how this research is important for Nebraska.

Personal Goals

Nominee is to write a short paragraph on long-term professional goals.

Honors and Awards

Recommendations

Attach letters of recommendation from three individuals

Additional Information

Use extra sheet if necessary.

If financial need is relevant it should be explained here.

Graduate Student's Signature

Date

Major Advisor

Date

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