

**Call for Applications**  
**Plant Biology Graduate Program Travel Awards**

Thanks to a generous donation to the Plant Biology Graduate Program, we have a pool of funds for awards to enable students in the Plant Biology Graduate Program to travel to present their research at regional, national, and international meetings. The purpose of this gift is to increase the number of Plant Biology graduate students who present their research at professional meetings.

Priority deadlines: February 15, April 26, and September 20, 2017

**Eligibility:** Plant Biology graduate students in good academic and research standing who will be the primary presenting author (oral or poster presentation) at a regional, national, or international meeting. Submissions are accepted as early as one year before the meeting.

**Funding limits:** Up to \$1,000 may be requested.

**Application:** Your application must provide the following information:

- Your name;
- The name, dates, and location of the meeting;
- A submission-quality abstract of your presentation (does not need to be the final version) that includes all the authors and specifies the type of presentation (poster or talk);
- The relevant deadlines associated with the meeting (i.e., early registration deadline, etc.);
- A proposed budget (including all costs associated with travel to and attendance at the meeting (such as registration, travel, lodging, and meals not covered by registration), not just those to be funded by the travel award);
- A plan for raising the full amount necessary to attend the meeting (amounts and sources, what you will do if you do not succeed in obtaining these other funds) and strategies you will follow to minimize costs (e.g., share a hotel room; seek discounted fares);
- Your current CV;
- A 200-250 word statement describing how attending and presenting at this meeting will contribute to your graduate training and career objectives; and
- A letter of support from your major professor. This letter must address the availability or lack thereof of funds available to support the graduate student's travel.

**Obligations:** Awardees must agree:

- To provide timely notice if they decide not to present at the meeting or, for meetings where proposals to present are made, that their proposal was not accepted.
- To return the funds if they do not, in fact, travel to the meeting.
- To acknowledge the source of the funds in their presentation or on their poster. The proper attribution text will be provided in the award letter.
- To send a thank-you note to the donor upon receipt of the award and a follow-up note to the donor after the meeting describing the impact of the meeting upon your career development. Contact details will be provided in the award letter.
- To return the total award amount if they fail to adhere to these obligations.

**Other purposes:** The donor indicated that the funds could be used to support other research-related travel. Therefore, travel requests for other research purposes will be considered, and should follow the guidelines above, as applicable.

Submit your application as a PDF attachment by e-mail to Dr. Larry Blanton, Director of Plant Biology Graduate Programs, [larry.blanton@ncsu.edu](mailto:larry.blanton@ncsu.edu). Applications will be reviewed and funding decisions made by the Plant Biology Graduate Programs Committee.