



2021 Graduate Student Scholarships & Awards

Submit selections to the PSLA Department Chair by ***December 15th (early decision) or February 10th (final deadline)***

Wallace K. Bailey, Sr. Research Support Grant

\$1,000

This grant is to support graduate student research in horticulture and plant science. Priority consideration will be given to applicant conducting research on horticultural and specialty crop plant species. Funds may be used to cover expenses of research activities in completion of thesis and dissertation studies. To apply, submit one copy each of the following: Brief (4- 6 page) proposal describing planned research with detailed budget. Letter of support from applicant's graduate advisor indicating current and pending funding from other sources.

(Additional information included)

Leland E. and Catherine B. Scott Award

\$1,000

This award was established in 1975 to honor an "outstanding horticulture" graduate student on the basis of: 1) academic standing, 2) diligence, and 3) potential for achievement in a horticultural career. The recipient is selected by the Graduate Committee from students nominated by their advisors.

NOTE: Graduate students in Turf and Landscape Architecture are also eligible to receive this award.

The Chris Walsh Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award \$1,250

The purpose of this award shall be able to recognize an outstanding teaching assistant each year in the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture. A letter of nomination may be made by a faculty member, staff member or undergraduate student from the Department. The final decision will be made by the PSLA Undergraduate Committee. Applicants should list the classes for which they TA, teaching evaluations from students, and letters of recommendations.

John H. Weinberger Scholarship

\$1,000

The John H. Weinberger scholarship provides support for deserving graduate students enrolled in the department. The recipients are chosen on the basis of financial need. The funds shall be granted for remission of, but not limited to, such expenses as tuition, mandatory fees and/or health benefits.

Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards

The Graduate School (GS) invites colleges and schools to choose graduate students for Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards for exemplary achievement as a graduate assistant (GA). The Awards will be made in three categories: Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant, and Outstanding Graduate Administrative Assistant.

The GS will make 80 Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards and will recognize the AY awardees at the Graduate School's Annual Fellowship and Award Celebration held each May. Award winners will have their mandatory fees for Spring semester paid by the Graduate School.

***NOTE:** Selections must be submitted to the Chair by the stated deadline in order to submit required documents to The Graduate School before their December deadline.*

Visit The Graduate School for more information regarding the [Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards](#).

Wallace K. Bailey, Sr. Research Support Grant

The family of Wallace K. Bailey, Sr., 1933 graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, has established the Wallace K. Bailey, Sr. fund to support graduate student research in horticulture and plant science. Research awards of up to \$1,000 will be made available to students in the Plant Science graduate program who are studying horticultural science. Funds may be used to cover expenses of research activities in completion of thesis and dissertation studies.

Eligibility and Application:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in the Plant Science graduate program.
- Priority consideration will be given to applicant conducting research on horticultural and specialty crop plant species.
- To apply, please submit one copy of each of the following:
 - Brief (4 – 6 page) proposal describing planned research with detailed budget indicating how requested funds will be used.
 - Letter of support from the applicant's graduate advisor indicating current and pending funding from other sources.

Application Dates and Submission:

- Completed application packets are **DUE FEBRUARY 15th**
- Submit applications to The Office of the Chair, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, 2102, Plant Sciences Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Review and Selection Process:

- Proposals will be reviewed by the Plant Science Graduate Admissions and Examination Review Committee and ranked as to research funding needs. The Plant Science Graduate Admissions and Examination Review Committee will provide the Department Chair with an award recommendation.
- The Department Chair will contact the successful applicant.

For further information, contact:

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