



CALL FOR PROPOSALS: GENETICS GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY

The Genetics Section of the Botanical Society of America (BSA) is pleased to announce an award to promote graduate student interest and research in plant genetics. To be eligible, the applicant must be a member of the BSA and affiliated with the Genetics Section, be a full-time graduate student in good standing, and have a faculty advisor who is also a member of the BSA. It is the intention of the Genetics

Section that one award will be made to a Ph.D. candidate and one award will be made to an M.S. student.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

The proposal may be on any area of plant genetics (e.g., evolutionary, population, breeding, molecular, developmental, etc.) and must contain a:

- 1) Title page (title of proposal, name of student, student's institutional and departmental affiliation, and year of student's study);
- 2) Abstract (300 word maximum);
- 3) Narrative (description of the research, including conceptual background, purpose or objective, outline of methodology, and potential significance within plant genetics);
- 4) Budget explaining how the funds are to be used;
- 5) Literature Cited; and
- 6) Biographical Sketch (CV).

The Abstract, Narrative, Budget and associated tables and figures should not exceed five single-spaced pages, and the Literature Cited and Biographical Sketch are limited to two pages each. Proposals should include one-inch margins all around and use a font size of not smaller than 12 point. In addition, a letter of support from the student's advisor must accompany the proposal.

AWARD LEVEL AND ANNOUNCEMENT

The award is for \$500 with an additional \$500 to support travel to present the results of the work at an annual BSA, Genetics Section meeting upon completion of the project. Award winners for this round of competition will be notified by May 30, and their accomplishment announced at the BSA Banquet in Snowbird, Utah, July 29, 2009.

SUBMISSION

Students may submit three (3) hardcopies of the complete proposal, or send the proposal as a PDF e-mail attachment. The proposal and the letter(s) of support must be postmarked/emailed no later than **April 1, 2009** to the Chair of the Genetics Graduate Student Research Award Committee at the following address:

Chair of the Genetics GSRA Committee

c/o Executive Director

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