



Karling Graduate Student Research Award



Purpose and Eligibility The purpose of this award is to support and promote graduate student research in the botanical sciences. To be eligible, one must be a member of the Botanical Society of America (BSA), a registered full-time graduate student, have a faculty research advisor who is also a member of BSA, and not have won the award previously.

Proposal Guidelines

The application shall consist of:

1. Title page (must include: title of proposal, name of student, student's institutional and departmental affiliation, year of student's study, and student's sectional affiliation within BSA)
2. Abstract
3. Narrative (must include: a description of the research, including appropriate conceptual background, purpose or objective, brief outline of methodology, and potential contribution or significance to an area of the botanical sciences)
4. Budget detailing how the funds would be used (the Abstract, Narrative, Budget and any tables or figures should not exceed five single-spaced pages)
5. Bibliography (up to two pages)
6. Biographical Sketch (up to two pages)

Proposals should include one inch margins all around and use a font size of not smaller than 12 point. In addition, proposals should be accompanied by a letter of support from the student's research advisor.

Award Level and Announcement

Each award provides \$500. Award winners will be announced at the BSA banquet held in conjunction with the Botany 2003 Meeting in Mobile, Alabama in July 2003. Funds for the awards come from interest on the Karling and the BSA Endowment Funds, and from the sale of BSA logo items. The award process can be quite competitive; the funding level has been about 25% in the past several years.

Submissions

Proposals and supporting letters should be postmarked no later than March 15, 2003. Students should submit six (6) hardcopies of the complete proposal and arrange to have the letter of support sent to the Chair of the Karling Graduate Student Research Award Committee at the following address:

Karling Awards Committee
Botanical Society of America
P.O. Box 299
St. Louis, MO 67166-0299

Members are encouraged to contribute to this fund. (Contact the BSA Manager [bsa-manager@botany.org] for details).

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