



BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF
AMERICA, INC.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



2015 BSA Graduate Student Research Awards

Purpose and Eligibility

This award group (including the **John S. Karling Award**) is designed to 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 the 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
5. Bibliography (one page)
6. Biographical Sketch (one page)
7. A letter of support (one page) from the student's research advisor.

Note: The Abstract, Narrative, Budget and any tables or figures should not exceed four single-spaced pages. All pages in the proposal must have a minimum of one-inch margins all around with a font size not smaller than 11 point.

Award Level and Announcement

The award provides \$500 to support each recipient's research proposal. The award winners will be announced at the BSA banquet held in conjunction with the Botany 2015 Meeting in Edmonton, Canada on July 29, 2015. Funds for the awards come from interest on the BSA Endowment and from contributions to the J. S. Karling Endowment.

Submissions

Proposals and supporting letters must be received no later than **March 15, 2015**. Submit required materials by **email as a .PDF file** to GSRA@Botany.org. The subject line is to read: 2015_GSRA_YourLastName_YourFirstInitial (i.e. 2015_GSRA_Smith_J).

Please ensure your advisors and/or people sending letters of support do the same.

Members are encouraged to contribute to the Graduate Student Research award program through the BSA and J. S. Karling Endowments. Please contact the BSA Executive Director for further details (WDahl@botany.org).