Awards and Fellowships - Soil and Water Science Department

Each year, the Soil and Water Science Department recognizes outstanding performance among its graduate and undergraduate students through endowments established by Donald Graetz, William Robertson, Sam Polston, V.W. Carlisle, F. B. Smith, and Ben Skulnick Fellowships. Students are encouraged to apply for these Fellowships if they feel qualified. In order to apply, a student must submit 1) a letter outlining their qualifications for the Fellowship and 2) a letter of endorsement from their major advisor. Additional letters of support may be submitted if the student wishes to do so and feels that the additional support will strengthen his/her application. Winners of any one of these fellowships are not eligible to receive another departmental fellowship during the year of award.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

William Robertson Fellowship

The William K. Robertson Fellowship is presented annually to an outstanding SWSD graduate student on the basis of leadership and excellence in academics and research. The recipient must have demonstrated leadership by active participation in departmental programs, service, and extra-curricular activities such as student club activities. The Fellowship will be awarded, whenever possible, to a continuing graduate student, i.e., one who is in the early- to mid-stage of his/her graduate program.

Application Deadline: October 1

Sam Polston Fellowship

The Sam Polston Fellowship is presented annually to an outstanding SWSD graduate student who leads the way among the department's graduate students in academic performance and research. Superior academic performance is interpreted as a graduate GPA of 3.75 or more. Although any SWSD student having completed at least one year of graduate work is eligible to apply, the Fellowship will be awarded whenever possible to a graduate student who is in the mid- to late stage of his/her graduate program.

Application Deadline: October 1

Ben Skulnick Fellowship

The Ben Skulnick Fellowship is presented annually to an outstanding SWSD graduate student who leads the way in academic performance and research. Preference will be given to M.S students. The student's research interests must be in the area of Soil and Water Science as related to protection of Natural Resources. Superior academic performance is interpreted as a graduate GPA of 3.75 or more. Although any SWSD student having completed at least one year of graduate work is eligible to apply, the Fellowship will be awarded whenever possible to a graduate student who is in the mid to late stage of his/her graduate program.

Application Deadline: October 1
V. W. Carlisle Fellowship

This fellowship will be presented annually to a graduate student studying Pedology (soil genesis, classification, and soil survey) or Soil Mineralogy in the Soil and Water Science Department. The student must be pursuing an M.S. or Ph.D. degree with a course of study leading to a thesis or dissertation that will emanate, in whole or in part, from scientific investigation of Florida soils. Preference will be shown to graduate students who have also achieved academic excellence and exhibited leadership ability as indicated by departmental service and extra-curricular activities such as club activities, soil judging, and departmental social activities.

Application Deadline: October 1

Excellence in Graduate Research –Ph. D level

Committee Will Re-Write Description/Qualifications In 2013 For This Award

Application Deadline: TBA - Fall Semester

Excellence in Graduate Research –M. S level

Committee Will Re-Write Description/Qualifications In 2013 For This Award

Application Deadline: TBA - Fall Semester

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Donald A. Graetz Education Award

This award will be given once a year to an outstanding undergraduate student. Qualified students must exhibit a significant interest in issues related to sustainable agricultural production and environmental management dealing with water quality. In addition to meeting academic excellence, preference will be given to students who demonstrate participation and leadership activities in clubs and other extracurricular activities related to agriculture and environmental quality. One cash award of $500 will be presented to the selected student.

Application Deadline: October 15
Fredrick Smith Award

This award, paid from the F.B. Smith Scholarship Endowment established by long-time Chair F.B. Smith, is given to "an outstanding, capable, and worthy undergraduate student" in Soil and Water Science. One cash award of $500 will be presented to the selected student.

Application Deadline: October 15

Outstanding Undergraduate Award

This award, paid from unrestricted department SHARE funds, goes to an outstanding undergraduate student in Soil and Water Science or in the Land and Water Management Specialization of the Environmental Management in Agriculture major. One cash award of $500 will be presented to the selected student.

Application Deadline: October 15