

2016 Gerald O. Mott Award

Recognizing Meritorious Graduate Students in Crop Science

The **Gerald O. Mott Meritorious Graduate Student Award in Crop Science** recognizes top-notch graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in crop science disciplines. Departments select students based on academic achievements, research and teaching contributions, leadership accomplishments, service activities and personal qualifications.

The award is offered by the Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) and recipients receive a certificate and are recognized in the *CSA News*.

The award honors the first CSSA President Gerald O. Mott, who trained 75 graduate students during his 45 year career at Purdue University and the University of Florida. Many of his students have become eminent forage scientists.

Eligibility

Candidates for this award must have completed at least one year of graduate work leading to a Master of Science or Doctor of Philosophy degree in a field of emphasis within any crop science related discipline. Students must be enrolled in a U.S. college or university and are members of the Crop Science Society of America and/or American Society of Agronomy. Only one student per department will be recognized.

Selection Process and Criteria

A departmental or program committee shall select a recipient using any process fitting the institution. The principal criteria are:

- Academic achievements, honors, and awards (25 points).
- Research/teaching contributions (25 points).
- Leadership accomplishments in academic and professional capacity (25 points).
- Service activities—community and professional organizations (5 points).
- Personal qualities—leadership, commitment to excellence, and communication skills (20 points).

Submission Deadline

Submit the following information by **February 16, 2016**, to Emily Fuger, efuger@sciencesocieties.org:

Student Information

- Student name (as it should appear on the certificate)
- Mailing address*
- Email
- A professional head-and-shoulders color photo at high-resolution, at least 300 dpi.

* Certificates will be sent to this address unless otherwise noted

Department Contact

- Name
- Email
- Phone

Gerald O. Mott Scholarship

Students selected for the Gerald O. Mott Meritorious Graduate Student Award in Crop Science are encouraged to complete and submit an application for the Gerald O. Mott Scholarship for Meritorious Graduate Students in Crop Science. The scholarship description and application can be found at www.crops.org/awards.

The scholarship includes a one year complimentary membership in the Crop Science Society of America and a recognition certificate.

What is the difference between the award and scholarship?

The award recognizes outstanding crop science graduate students in each department. A departmental or program committee selects a student recipient on behalf of the department by **February 16**. This process is initiated by the department and not the student.

Students that are recognized as Mott Award recipients can apply for the Gerald O. Mott Scholarship. This process is initiated by the student, not the department, and allows for self nominations via the CSSA online Awards System at www.crops.org/awards.

2015 Recipients



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