

Dear Weed Science Educator:

The WSSA Undergraduate Research Award is now entering its 23rd year of operation and has proved to be an effective method of recruiting new graduate students into the discipline of Weed Science. Now that your new students are returning to campus, this would be a perfect time to invite them to consider conducting an undergraduate research project through this award. Please be proactive with this opportunity; *you are the only link a student has with this research grant* and this program can only work through your active outreach and participation.

This grant provides ***up to \$2000*** for support of undergraduate research to be conducted over a minimum of one quarter/semester during 2015 and may be used to defray the cost of research supplies or as a stipend. Any faculty member who is actively engaged in Weed Science research is qualified to be a sponsor. The faculty sponsor should review the research proposal with special attention to the budget. The distribution of funds should be approved by both the student and sponsor. Proposals should be received no later than **December 1, 2014**. Funding decisions will be made by January 31, 2015 and presented at the 2015 WSSA National Meeting Awards Ceremony.

Sincerely,

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WSSA UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD – 2015

The Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) has developed an Undergraduate Student Research Grant program designed to encourage and involve exceptional undergraduates in agricultural research. Interested faculty members are encouraged to identify potential award candidates and discuss the possibility of sponsoring a research project. Awards may be used as a stipend, for research budget expenses (travel, supplies, etc.), to defer fees, to defray living expenses for summer research, or any combination of these items.

AWARD: Up to \$2,000 for support of undergraduate research to be conducted over a minimum of one quarter/semester during 2015. Support of a faculty sponsor is required. Awards will be made to the student, to be administered by the faculty sponsor's department.

APPLICANT: The applicant is an enrolled undergraduate student with a strong interest in Weed Science. Students majoring in all related disciplines may apply.

TO APPLY: Applicants should prepare a 2–3 page research proposal including name, address, phone number, E-mail address, title, objective, experimental approach, discussion, budget and references. The discussion section of the proposal should describe the expected results and their possible significance to Weed Science. The student should provide a cover letter in which general academic and career goals are discussed. A copy of the student's academic transcripts must also be provided.

FACULTY SPONSOR: Any faculty member who is actively engaged in Weed Science research is qualified to be a sponsor. The faculty sponsor should review the research proposal with special attention to the budget; the distribution of funds should be approved by both the student and sponsor. In addition, the sponsor should provide a letter of reference including a statement of his/her willingness to supervise the proposed research and to provide any needed space, equipment and supplies above those requested in the proposal. The sponsor is encouraged to assist the student in presenting his/her results at a regional Weed Science Meeting.

SUBMISSION: The completed proposal, academic transcripts, cover letter and faculty letter of support should be sent to: Dr. Stephen Enloe, 263 Funchess Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849; Phone 334-844-8928; E-mail: sfe0001@auburn.edu. Proposals may be submitted via snail mail or electronically as a single pdf package. The deadline for submission is **December 1, 2014**. Funding decisions will be made by January 31, 2015, and presented at the 2015 WSSA National Meeting Awards Ceremony.

QUESTIONS: Please Contact Dr. Stephen Enloe (sfe0001@auburn.edu) or (334)-844-8928.