

## **WSSA UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD – 2024**

The Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) has developed John Jachetta 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 2024. 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 electronically as a SINGLE PDF document to Dr. Whitney Brim-DeForest at the following email address: [wbrimdeforest@ucanr.edu](mailto:wbrimdeforest@ucanr.edu) Applicants will be notified by email to confirm successful submission of the package.

The deadline for submission is December 20, 2023. Funding decisions will be made by January 31, 2024 and announced at the 2024 WSSA Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony.

**QUESTIONS:** Please contact Dr. Whitney Brim-DeForest by email ([wbrimdeforest@ucanr.edu](mailto:wbrimdeforest@ucanr.edu)) or by phone at 530-822-7515.