

## S490 SOIL BIOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

1. Status: Special Committee

2. Composition and Tenure:

The committee shall consist of four SSSA members, plus a Chair-Elect, a Chair, and the Soil Biology and Biochemistry Board Representative.

The Chair of the Soil Biology & Biochemistry Division serves as Chair-Elect of the Committee and then serves as Chair of the committee in the year when s/he is Past Chair of the Soil Biology & Biochemistry Division.

The Soil Biology & Biochemistry Division Board Representative serves as consultant and assistant to the Chair of the selection committee.

The other four members may be from the Soil Biology & Biochemistry Division or any other SSSA division with an interest in soil biology and biophysical/biochemical interactions. They should also serve as liaison representatives with Soil & Water Management and Conservation Division, Soils & Environmental Quality Division, Integrated Agricultural Systems Division, Agroclimatology and Agronomic Modeling Division, and Extension Education. This broadens the interest in soil, plant, and microbial interactions and environmental and socio-economic issues.

Committee members serve a 3-year term.

3. Responsibility and Activity:

1. To select a recipient for the monetary award for the Soil Biology Graduate Student Scholarship. The intention of this annual scholarship is to support graduate studies in Soil Biology for the recipient at the University of their choice. The Soil Biology Graduate Student Scholar must be a graduate student working in the field of soil biology or biochemistry or microbial ecology who has demonstrated scholarship and leadership during his/her graduate studies. *Special consideration will be given based on financial need of the candidate.*
2. In addition to normal solicitations for nominations of Society awards, the Soil Biology & Biochemistry Division and Soil & Water Management and Conservation Division members will also be advised, electronically, that nominations are being accepted. Only one nomination from each University will be accepted. The nomination shall be submitted by the Chair and/or the Graduate Advisory Committee Chair of the department nominating the scholarship candidate.
3. The scholarship committee sends its recommendation for the recipient. The SSSA Executive Committee ratifies the selection on behalf of the Board of Directors. The general time line is the call for scholarships in January, the deadline for receipt of nominations in late February/early March, completion of the selection process by late April, and notification of recipient in late May by the SSSA President.
4. Announce the scholarship recipient at the Soil Biology & Biochemistry Division business meeting with presentation to be made at the SSSA Awards Breakfast. The Soil Biology & Biochemistry Division Board Representative will initiate a call for suggestions of persons appropriate for the scholarship a year prior to the Annual Meetings from colleagues (in Divisions Soil Biology and Biochemistry, Soil & Water Management and Conservation, Soils & Environmental Quality, Integrated Agricultural Systems, Agroclimatology and Agronomic Modeling Division, and Extension Education) at the SSSA and ASA second board meetings. A list of past scholarship recipients will be maintained by the Society's Chief Executive Officer.

4. Presidential Responsibilities

1. Appoint members to the Soil Biology Graduate Student Scholarship Committee in sufficient time (preferably before the previous annual meeting) to allow processing of scholarship nominations by late February/early March when applications are due at Headquarters.
2. Cooperate with the Committee in promoting the scholarship and in providing other needed support.

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