

#### **S499 HENRY LIN TRAVEL GRANT AWARD COMMITTEE**

A. Status: Special Committee

B. Composition and Tenure:

The Committee consists of the Chair plus up to five committee members.

The term of office for members is three years.

The Chair serves for one year.

C. Functions:

1. To encourage nominations for the Henry Lin Travel Grant Award.
2. To become familiar with the Guidelines and Procedures for these awards and to be responsible that all nominations fulfill the required criteria of eligibility for the awards.
3. To evaluate nominations and to select the most outstanding applicant for each award.

D. Procedure:

1. The SSSA Headquarters Office distributes the nominations to the Committee members and advises them of the scoring or ranking to be followed. The Chair transmits any special instructions to members.
2. The Chair of the S499 Committee submits an annual report as requested by the Society.

E. Presidential Responsibilities:

The SSSA President:

1. Appoints new members to replace those whose terms expire and appoints the Chair of the Committee.
2. Cooperates with the Committee in its activities, as appropriate or in response to need.
3. Notifies the Committee directly of all deadlines on award selection, annual report, etc.
4. Receives and takes action directly, or by referring to the SSSA Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors, as appropriate, all suggestions and/or recommendations for action from the Committee.

#### **The Henry Lin Travel Grant Award**

The Henry Lin Travel Grant Award will assist in providing financial support to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, who fit within the broad area of soil science in the form of a travel award, specifically for the ASA, CSSA, & SSSA Annual Meeting. Applications will be managed and submitted through the SSSA awards system. Applications will be reviewed by the Henry Lin Travel Grant Award Committee.

The award is supported by the Henry Lin Travel Grant Fund established on May 26, 2020 through the Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF) specifically for Soil Science Society of America (SSSA). The primary activities of the fund will be to support graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to attend the ASA, CSSA, & SSSA Annual Meeting. This fund has been generously provided by Jan Qiu (Henry's wife) and the friends of Henry and Jan in the name of Emeritus Professor Henry Lin, an influential and inspiring faculty member and researcher from Pennsylvania State University.

## **Eligibility**

Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows must apply each year for this award and recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Academic performance, honors, and awards (Undergraduate and Graduate School GPA, etc.) and demonstrated leadership in professional, social, or personal endeavors.
2. Prior scholarly activity (publications, abstracts, other instructional or extension activities) will be considered
3. A short essay explaining the importance of attending the SSSA annual meeting to their professional development and demonstrating financial need to attend.
4. Selection of awardees will be made by the Henry Lin Travel Grant Award Committee
5. An individual graduate student or postdoctoral fellow may receive this award only once.

## **Evaluation**

For the first-year award no earlier than 2021, the Henry Lin Travel Grant Fund Committee will be formed sufficiently in advance of the Annual Meeting to administer award/s and make arrangements for recognizing award recipients during the Annual Meeting. The recommendation to the committee would be to award three travel grants annually, and the recommended size of each award is \$1,000, regardless of domestic or international travel, but may be subject to some other combination of award/s recipients. The Committee will make final decisions on award numbers and sizes awarded annually.