

OIP and the APS Foundation Invite Applications from International Members To Attend the 2006 APS Annual Meeting in Québec City, Québec, Canada

The APS Foundation, in cooperation with the Office of International Programs (OIP), has established a travel fund to support travel costs for early- to mid-career international APS members to participate in an APS Annual Meeting. This fund is intended to support scientists native to and working in developing countries who otherwise would not be able to attend APS meetings. It is anticipated that one \$1,500 award will be made for the 2006 APS Annual Meeting. The guidelines and criteria for this award are provided below. Questions should be directed to **Randy Ploetz**, University of Florida, IFAS, 18905 SW 280th St., Homestead, FL 33031-3314 USA; E-mail: rcp@ifas.ufl.edu.

Guidelines and Criteria

1. This is a competitive annual award to current APS international members or participants in the Group Membership Plan who reside outside the United States.
2. Preference will be given to scientists in developing countries.
3. The applicant must clearly demonstrate that the award is needed for them to attend the meeting; applicants with other, significant support will not be considered.
4. If an award is approved, the applicant must present original research pertaining to plant pathology by means of an oral or poster presentation at the annual meeting.
5. A three-person Travel Award Committee, appointed by The American Phytopathological Society Foundation and the Office of International Programs, will review applications.
6. Travel awards are intended for travel, lodging, and registration only at APS Annual Meetings. Please supply detailed travel budget, including other sources of funds.
7. Applicants with an advanced degree who are currently employed at an established institution and have no more than 15 years of professional experience are eligible.
8. Applications must be no more than two pages and include the following:
 - Demonstrated initiative and involvement in national and/or international activities relating to plant pathology.
 - Brief description of how this award and attendance at the APS meeting will benefit the applicant and impact their work in plant pathology.
 - Brief summary of any circumstances, including financial needs, that make attendance at the APS meeting solely dependent on receiving this award.
9. Applications must include a copy of an abstract of the presentation to be made at the meeting.
10. Applications must include a supporting letter (one-page maximum) from an APS member colleague that includes a statement of the applicant's scientific merit, accomplishments in plant pathology, and financial need.
11. Each applicant may receive only one award.

Application Process

1. Submit applications by regular or express mail (three complete copies) to Randy Ploetz at the address given above. Applications **MUST BE** received no later than January 16, 2006. E-mailed or faxed applications **WILL NOT** be accepted. The letter of support should be included with the application, not mailed separately.
2. Provide an e-mail address or self-addressed (without postage) envelope to allow us to notify you no later than April 1, 2006, as to the outcome of your request. Awardees will be reimbursed for travel, lodging, and registration expenses. ■



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