

THE ELMER C. ROSSMAN ENDOWED GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT AWARD

The Elmer C. Rossman Endowed Graduate Student Support Award was established as a result of generous gifts from family, friends and colleagues wishing to honor Dr. Elmer C. Rossman and his esteemed career as a plant breeder and professor at Michigan State University, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences. Dr. Rossman was a distinguished faculty member from 1948 until his death in 1989. Dr. Rossman's passions were corn breeding and working with graduate students.

The Rossman Graduate Student Support Award Committee is seeking nominations and proposals for this annual award. The Endowment specifies the following:

- Recipients will be selected from among Plant, Soil & Microbial Sciences Graduate Students. The student(s) selected must have a research emphasis in plant breeding and genetics. Recipients must either be in good academic standing or accepted by the Graduate Programs Committee without special provisions.
- The amount awarded will not exceed \$5,000 for an individual student. The yearly award may be split between two or more students. **Students will not be eligible to receive the award more than one time.**
- There will be no restriction as to the country of origin of the students.
- The support awards may be for an assistantship or partial support of an assistantship, for travel to meetings, or other expenses pertinent to graduate work.

Based on these guidelines, the Rossman Graduate Student Support Award Committee is seeking nominations and proposals for up to \$5,000 to support and enhance the graduate program of individual students and the department. Any proposal that meets the guidelines above will be considered. Funding will be considered for, but not limited to:

- Meeting travel
- Travel to facilitate data collection
- Augmentation of an assistantship due to personal needs
- Extension of an assistantship if funding has expired
- Special computer or analytical needs

Proposals and nominations should be no more than two pages in length and include the following:

- Name
- Country of origin
- Degree objective, area of study, and GPA
- Description of the request, including budget

- A statement of need
- Brief statement of support from Major Professor
- Names of two individuals familiar with the work/project

The Rossman Graduate Student Support Award Committee will select the awardee(s) based on the following criteria:

- Scholarship/quality of science
- Personal need
- Programmatic need
- Potential to enhance graduate experience

All recipients will be required to make a timely and appropriate acknowledgment to the donors.

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Proposals must be submitted to: Sandie Litchfield, A286-D PSSB, Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences, by 5:00 p.m. on February 20, 2015. Awards will be announced on or after April 1, 2015.