



For Immediate Release – September 23, 2019: Please distribute to all university or research colleagues who have graduate students studying honey bees.

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Scholarships Available to Graduate Students Studying Honey Bees

Submission Deadline: October 7, 2019

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees is again offering four \$3,000 scholarships to apiculture graduate students in 2020. The purpose of this scholarship program, now in its thirteenth year, is to foster professional development of emerging apicultural scientists by allowing award recipients to attend the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Conference & Tradeshow. This year's event is scheduled to take place at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois, on January 8-11, 2020.

Affiliated with the ABF, the foundation is a charitable organization focused on making funding available for research and educational endeavors within the beekeeping industry. It has benefited tremendously from many generous gifts, including the estates of Glenn and Gertrude Overturf and Margaret and Victor Thompson, and continues to be sustained by ongoing gifts from ABF members and other supportive donors.

Graduate students **currently enrolled** in a university and studying any aspect of honey bees, bee husbandry and/or the apicultural industry are eligible to apply for one of the scholarships being offered. Each award recipient will receive a \$3,000 scholarship check, and moreover, the foundation will reimburse conference travel and lodging expenses up to \$750. During the ABF conference, graduate students will have the opportunity to meet the foundation board of trustees, as well as fellow researchers and beekeepers, and will be invited to present their research during the event's foundation luncheon.

Scholarship applications will be accepted through October 7, 2019.

Application Criteria:

Each applicant must submit the following for consideration, ***as one combined PDF document with his or her name as the file name (e.g., JaneSmith.pdf):***

1. A one-page cover letter from a university advisor outlining:

- The student's progress toward his or her graduate degree (Master's or PhD);
- Tentative graduation date;
- Any other pertinent information about the student; and
- Any information about the research that would help "get to know" the student.

2. The student's curriculum vitae or resume, not to exceed two pages.
3. A research proposal (not to exceed three pages), written by the graduate student. This proposal should:
 - Begin with a title and an introduction to the research problem, followed by clear goals and objectives that state the research questions and hypotheses;
 - Outline specific research experiments the student is conducting while completing his or her degree;
 - Describe research the student is planning to perform or the progress the student has already made toward that research;
 - Clearly state how the research benefits bees, beekeepers and/or the apicultural industry;
 - Discuss the methods that will be used to answer the research questions and the expected results or results to date; and
 - Be written for a general audience. *Many of the reviewers of the proposals are beekeepers who are genuinely interested in understanding the importance and implications of the research.*

All applications must be submitted by email to the foundation's executive director Molly Sausaman at msausaman@abfnet.org no later than October 7, 2019. Email submissions must include the applicant's name, mailing address, email address and phone number. Please use the subject line: 2020 Foundation Scholarship Application.

Award recipients will be selected late in October 2019. Award letters containing detailed information about the scholarship, travel arrangements and conference expectations will be delivered early in November 2019.

For questions or additional information about the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, contact executive director Molly Sausaman at 404-760-2875 or msausaman@abfnet.org.

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