

SCHOOL OF PLANT SCIENCES OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

The ***School of Plant Sciences Outstanding Dissertation Award*** will be awarded to a Ph.D. student who has excelled in all phases of his/her degree program. Criteria include selection of a demanding and topical area of study, original and creative development of data-gathering and data analysis, contribution of high-quality and high-impact work, and precision, clarity, and eloquence in the dissertation text. This award recognizes both the student's achievement and the advisor's contribution.

Who can be nominated?

Any student who has completed a dissertation in the School of Plant Sciences in the current academic year.

Who can nominate?

Nominations may be made by any faculty member in the School of Plant Sciences. Faculty may nominate their own advisees; however, because the award recognizes the contributions of both the student and the advisor, such nominations should be seconded by a brief letter of support (highlighting the advisor's contributions) from one of the student's committee members.

How is a student nominated?

Nominations must be assembled carefully and completely, and should include:

1. Name of nominee, nominator, and advisor
2. Dissertation title and date of completion
3. List of student's scholarships, awards, or other special achievements
4. Letter describing the dissertation, with a special emphasis on the contribution made to understanding plant and/or microbial sciences
5. Letter from a member of the student's advising committee highlighting the advisor's contributions (required ***only*** if nominator and advisor are the same person)

What is the selection procedure?

Members of the SPLS Graduate Student Program Committee will select the recipient based on review of nominations submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Betsy Arnold (barnoldaz@gmail.com). This award may not be presented every year.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE 20 APRIL 2014