

Dr. and Mrs. Donald J. Cotter Endowed Fund For Work or Research Experience

Awards up to \$2,500 or more. Funding available summer and fall 2022.

Deadline for proposal submission: **Apr 8, 2022 5:00 pm**

Horticulture is the art and science of the production, use and study of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants and floral crops under commercial, scientific or vocational circumstances.

Requirements:

1. Funding will be awarded on the basis of preparing and completing a technical work experience in Horticulture, such as hands-on industry, field or bench laboratory or library endeavor. This experience should enhance and/or advance the student's professional development. Prior to submission, students should meet with their PES advisor or mentor to discuss their proposal.
2. Submit a proposal (no more than 2 pages) outlining the objective of the project, briefly describing the procedures, presenting the proposed budget, identifying the PES advisor, and presenting additional information (timeline for completion of work, work site, etc.). Proposals shall be submitted by email to Dr. April Ulery, no later than 5 pm Apr 8, 2022.
3. Upon completion of the internship or work experience, recipients are required to submit a typed final report describing the project and its impact on the recipient and meet with the Cotter family.
4. All majors in the Plant and Environmental Sciences department are encouraged to apply; however, ***Horticulture undergraduate students are preferred.*** Undergraduate and graduate students majoring in horticulture, agronomy, soils, turfgrass and genetics have received this award in the past.

Details:

1. Suitable budget items can include salary for the student to gain a technical work experience, travel to a remote work site (e.g., internship away from Las Cruces), supplies or other items that will allow the student to complete the project.
2. The fund was not designed to cover graduate student summer salary as part of their ongoing PES research, but specific project support such as travel, conference registration fees, or supplies to support experiential learning will be considered.
3. Two thirds of the funds requested will be awarded in summer 2022 and one third will be awarded in fall 2022 upon completion of the final report and meeting with members of the PES Scholarship Committee.
4. There is no U.S. citizenship requirement.

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