

We are pleased to announce the Gesneriad Society Student Convention Grants to be awarded to students interested in or actively studying the plant family Gesneriaceae. The grants will provide registration, accommodation costs and/or some expenses for students to attend the 2014 Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, from July 1-5. Visit <www.gesneriadsociety.org/conv2014> for more information about the convention.

The grants have been established to promote participation in the convention by students and tomorrow's researchers and to encourage students to undertake research in the Gesneriaceae. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. It is expected that each award recipient will present a 15-minute program (or poster and discussion) at the convention.

Applications for 2014 awards are due by April 4. Applicants should send the following materials (with the subject line: Student Convention Grant Application) in an attachment (preferably a single PDF document) to <studentsconventiongrants@gesneriadsociety.org> and include:

- Name, institutional affiliation, and all contact information including address, telephone, and email.
- A 300 to 500 word description of why the applicant should attend the convention including comments about education and research goals and how attending convention will help advance these goals.
- A curriculum vitae (CV), not to exceed two US letter-sized pages.
- The title and brief description of the talk or poster (please specify) to be presented at convention.

As an example, Jane Q Doe would label her file Doe_JQ_Convention_Student_Award_2013.PDF. Applications exceeding the specified length for description and CV will not be accepted.

In addition to the application, a signed letter of recommendation (as a separate document) should be sent from the applicant's major advisor or faculty representative to <studentsconventiongrants@gesneriadsociety.org> with the applicant's name in the subject line, e.g., Recommendation Letter for Jane Q Doe Student Convention Grant Application.

Grant recipients will be notified by email of their award status by May 2, 2014. Awards will cover convention meals, activity and registration costs, as well as shared-room accommodations for up to five nights during the convention (or may cover some expenses if fewer accommodation nights are desired). Travel to and from convention, other meals not included in the convention program, and incidentals will be at the expense of the awardee. (For convention program information, visit <www.gesneriadsociety.org/conv2014>.

The Gesneriad Society's annual conventions offer enthusiasts and researchers alike the opportunity to come together to see and discuss an array of living gesneriads, to hear programs and workshops about recent research, field work, specific genera, and culture of gesneriads.

If you have any questions about the application or this year's convention to be held in Nashville, please email <studentsconventiongrants@gesneriadsociety.org>.