

Student Convention Grants

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 annual international convention. For more information about the convention, visit the Conventions link on The Gesneriad Society website.

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.

Guidelines for Application for a Student Convention Grant

Applications are due by March 31. Applicants should send the following materials (with the subject line: Student Convention Grant Application) in an attachment (preferably a single PDF document) to the [Student Convention Grant Coordinator](#) 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.
- 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_2018.PDF*. Applications exceeding the specified length for description and CV may 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 the [Student Convention Grant Coordinator](#) 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 April 30. 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 grant recipient.

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. (For specific convention program information, visit the Conventions link on the website).

If you have any questions about the application or this year's convention, please email the [Student Convention Grant Coordinator](#).