

American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB)
Minority Affairs Committee



2020 Recognition Travel Award

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ASPB's Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) is offering a limited number of Recognition Travel Awards for students, postdocs, and faculty who are themselves members of groups underrepresented in the US scientific workforce and/or who are directly supporting the education and professional development of students in such groups.

Recognition Travel Awards provide "full ride" fellowships to attend ASPB's annual meeting, which will be held this year in Washington, DC, from July 25-29, 2020. The award includes coverage of travel to and accommodations in Washington, DC, registration for [Plant Biology 2020](#), a per diem allowance, and membership in ASPB through 2021. Applicants do not have to submit a research abstract to be considered for this award; however, successful applicants with pertinent research are strongly encouraged to present that research during Plant Biology 2020.

The goals of the program are to increase diversity among the annual meeting attendees and to provide access to the science and networking opportunities available at a major society meeting to those that might not otherwise have been able to attend. Undergraduate students are strongly encouraged to apply, as are graduate students, postdocs, and faculty.

Eligibility – Applications are open to students who are a member of a US federally designated underrepresented minority group and attend a US accredited institution of higher education or high school. ASPB Membership is not a requirement to apply.

– Faculty must be a member of a US federally designated underrepresented minority group OR be employed at a US Minority Serving Institution.

Requirements – Student applicants must submit for review a one-page statement expressing the potential benefits of attending [Plant Biology 2020](#) to their planned research career. The statement should also explain whether or not the applicant thinks that diversity is important in science, why or why not, and the ways in which they can add to that diversity. A current CV or resume (no more than two pages) is required. Applicant must also solicit two letters of recommendation and support, both of which must be uploaded electronically by the author: a letter from the applicant's advisor or supervisor; and another from the applicant's department head/chair or dean via a custom link or sent to Sylvia Lee at slee@aspb.org.

– Faculty applicants must submit for review a one-page statement expressing the potential benefits of attending [Plant Biology 2020](#) to their career as researchers, teachers, and mentors, and arrange for their department head/chair or dean to electronically upload one letter of recommendation and support via a custom link or sent to Sylvia Lee at slee@aspb.org. Applicant must also upload a current CV or resume (no more than two pages).

Applications will be accepted October 7, 2019 – January 29, 2020 (11:59 p.m. ET)

**** Please visit <http://rta.aspb.org/> to complete your application ****

Applicants will be notified of the MAC's decision by March

Questions? Contact Sylvia Lee, ASPB Executive and Governance Affairs Administrator at slee@aspb.org