

**Diversity Enhancement Travel Awards for the
Annual Meeting of the National Association of Plant Breeders (NAPB)**

University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, 7-10 August, 2018
<https://www.plant.uoguelph.ca/napb2018>

The purpose of this program is to attract and retain scientists from diverse backgrounds into the field of plant breeding. Diversity is essential for success in plant breeding, and is a fundamental cornerstone of The National Association of Plant Breeders. This program provides support to undergraduate and graduate students from under-represented groups to learn about plant breeding, connect with plant breeders, and develop career contacts through attending and participating in the NAPB annual meeting.

Meeting funds to support participation by US under-represented minority graduate and undergraduate students are available through a grant from USDA-NIFA. The USDA-NIFA definition of under-represented minority is “any ethnic group – African American, Alaskan Native, American Indian, Asian American, Hispanic American, Native Hawaiian, or any other group – whose representation among food, agriculture, and natural resource science professionals is disproportionately less than their proportion in the general population as indicated in standard statistical references.”

The National Association of Plant Breeders strengthens plant breeding to promote food security, quality of life, and a sustainable future. The NAPB works to help create a future in which 1) Strong public and private sectors work independently and together to deliver varieties and improved germplasm to society, 2) The value and importance of plant breeding to food security, quality of life, and a sustainable future are known and appreciated by the public, and 3) Plant breeding is viewed as dynamic, problem solving, and creative. The NAPB intends to become a recognized and valued advocate for plant breeding research and education, helping to guide and implement a cohesive national plant breeding agenda.

Please email complete applications to Peggy Ozias-Akins pozias@uga.edu

Application Deadline: May 1, 2018

Notification of Acceptance: May 8, 2018

Five to ten awards are anticipated. Awardees will be asked to assist with the meeting.

Diversity Enhancement Travel Award Application

Information that must be included in your application:

Last Name

First Name

E-mail

Institution

Department

Current status (undergrad/MS/PhD)

Ethnicity – any of above or other (please specify)

First in family to college – yes/no

US Citizen or Permanent Resident – yes/no

Major professor or advisor name

Major professor or advisor email

Do you plan to submit an abstract/poster for the meeting – yes/no

Statement of interest (250-500 words)

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