

Elements of a strong application for the Henry Lin fellowship

- 1) Be brief and impactful.
- 2) In your responses clearly indicates your current position (M.S., Ph.D. or post-doc), your institution, and areas of research.
- 3) Focus on providing evidence for the following.
 - a) You bring a unique perspective to the meeting as a result of your professional activities or life experience.
 - Describe your contributions to soil science, soil management, or agriculture. What knowledge have you contributed to the field? How have you made an impact?
 - Showing prior awards and recognition is compelling, but showing a long record of financial support may make you a less strong candidate for this award. Awards will be made to candidates who have a strong need for the funding.
 - International experience is compelling, if you have any.
 - b) You have valuable results to share at the meeting. For example:
 - Your study is completed or near-completion.
 - You are near the end of your graduate studies.
 - You are giving an oral presentation.
 - You are giving multiple presentations.
 - c) How attending this meeting will benefit you. For example:
 - You will be a first or 2nd time attendee.
 - You are a self-funded student. If you have designed and funded your own research, this is particularly compelling.
 - You are under-funded or have limited access to other sources of funding to attend the meeting.
 - You are at a critical transition in developing your career and need networking opportunities.
- 4) The application should be tailored for this award and show evidence that you made effort. Bulleted lists of accomplishments are ok, but it should not be curated and not obviously copy-and-pasted from your CV.
- 5) Non-English manuscript titles and position titles should be translated into English. The application should be checked for spelling, grammatical errors, and readability.
- 6) Students working within the research area of Henry Lin will be given preference: soil physics, hydrology, and pedology.