

ASA Communities and CSSA/SSSA Divisions of Interest

Communities (ASA) and Divisions (CSSA, SSSA) are the organization of members into groups showing common professional interests. Their purpose is to gather members, encourage scientific exchange and sharing of information, facilitate planning, enhance communication, and provide coordination of programs. Major activities are focused on presenting papers and symposia at the Annual Meeting. Graduate students are highly encouraged to join communities/divisions. For a full listing, visit our websites:

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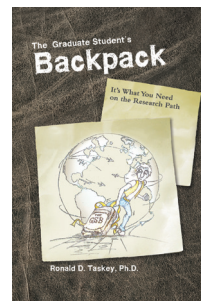
Heading to Grad School?

This is a must read!

Graduate Student Backpack

As a graduate student, you must select a graduate committee, plan course work, find an original research topic, and design a research plan that ultimately leads to a defensible thesis or series of publishable research articles. Whether you plan a research career or not, you typically must complete an original, independent, analytical study. This process-oriented manual holds the fundamentals needed to trek the graduate school path—it is a “backpack” filled with the requirements, tips, warnings, and enough humor to help students make the most of the journey.

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The American Society of Agronomy (ASA), Crop Science Society of America (CSSA), and Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) are the premier organizations for Agronomic, Crop, and Soil Sciences. As a graduate student member, you join more than 10,000 scientists from around the globe, including more than 1,650 graduate students..

With your membership, you have access to resources and services that will open doors and help build your career!

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- Free, confidential CV/resume posting on the Career Placement website,
- Membership in ASA Communities and/or CSSA/SSSA Divisions of Interest,
- Listing in the membership directory, which is searched by potential employers,
- Notification of scholarship, fellowship, and award opportunities,
- Access to the leading certification programs for Agronomy and Soils professionals,
- Student rates for the Digital Library, books, and meeting registrations,
- Opportunities to publish in our journals and present at our Annual Meeting (visit acs.meetings.org), and
- Building your resume through service on Society committees, publishing (subject to editorial review), and presenting at meetings.

Scholarships & Fellowships

Francis and Evelyn Clark Soil Biology Scholarship—recognizes a student working in the field of soil biology, biochemistry, or microbial ecology.

Gerald O. Mott Scholarship for Meritorious Graduate Students in Crop Science—recognizes outstanding students in crop science.

United Soybean Board Fellowship—offered to an outstanding student pursuing a doctoral degree in plant sciences, focusing on soybeans, annual stipend up to four years.

Congressional Science Fellowship—recipient of this prestigious fellowship spends one year in Washington, DC, applying their professional and scientific expertise as a special assistant on the staff of a member of Congress, or Congressional Committee.

Future Leaders in Science Award—Selected graduate students participate in Congressional Visits Day—visiting the staff and members of Congress in Washington, DC. Travel, hotel, and meal expenses are covered.

Contests & Competitions

ASA Communities and CSSA/SSSA Divisions of Interest encourage graduate students to build and sharpen their presentation skills while presenting their research. Most contests and competitions take place at the Annual Meeting.

Programming at the Annual Meeting

In addition to contests, competitions, and scientific talks at the Annual Meetings, there is a Social, Networking Lounge, and special sessions - developed by graduate students, for graduate students – such as :

- Career Opportunities in NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations)
- Graduate Student Networking Session – Building Professional Relationships
- So What's Next? A Panel Discussion on Career Opportunities
- Symposium-Soil Science Research in the 21st Century
- Science Policy in Action!

The Early Career Professionals Committee also encourages students to attend their sessions at the Annual Meeting. Past topics included:

- Secrets to Surviving Your First Year on the Job
- Tips from the Experts on the Job Application and Interviewing Process
- Writing Manuscripts for Publication
- Good Mentors are Made, Not Born
- Grant Writing Workshop for Early Career Members

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