

# 2018 Gerald O. Mott Award

*Recognizing Meritorious Graduate Students in Crop Science*

The **Gerald O. Mott Meritorious Graduate Student Award in Crop Science** recognizes top-notch graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in crop science disciplines. Departments select students based on academic achievements, research and teaching contributions, leadership accomplishments, service activities and personal qualifications.

The award is offered by the Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) and recipients receive a certificate and are recognized in the *CSA News*.

The award honors the first CSSA President Gerald O. Mott, who trained 75 graduate students during his 45 year career at Purdue University and the University of Florida. Many of his students have become eminent forage scientists.

## Eligibility

Candidates for this award must have completed at least one year of graduate work leading to a Master of Science or Doctor of Philosophy degree in a field of emphasis within any crop science related discipline. Students must be enrolled in a U.S. college or university and are members of the Crop Science Society of America and/or American Society of Agronomy. Only one student per department will be recognized.

## Selection Process and Criteria

A departmental or program committee shall select a recipient using any process fitting the institution. The principal criteria are:

- a. Academic achievements, honors, and awards (25 points).
- b. Research/teaching contributions (25 points).
- c. Leadership accomplishments in academic and professional capacity (25 points).
- d. Service activities—community and professional organizations (5 points).
- e. Personal qualities—leadership, commitment to excellence, and communication skills (20 points).

## Submission Deadline

The deadline to submit names and photos of the recipients in **February, 15, 2018**.

1. Submit the following information online by **Feb. 15, 2018** to [www.crops.org/gradstudents/mott-award](http://www.crops.org/gradstudents/mott-award)
  - a. Student name (as it should appear on the certificate)
  - b. Mailing address where certificate should be sent
  - c. Student email
  - d. Department contact name, email and phone.
2. Nominator or Nominee: Send a professional head-and-shoulders color photo of student at high resolution, at least 300 dpi. TIFF or JPG. GIF not acceptable. To Rachel Leege at [leege@sciencesocieties.org](mailto:leege@sciencesocieties.org)

\* Certificates will be sent to this address unless otherwise noted.



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## Crop Science Graduate Scholarship

Students selected for the Gerald O. Mott Meritorious Graduate Student Award in Crop Science are encouraged to complete and submit an application for the Crop Science Graduate Scholarship. The scholarship description and application can be found at [www.crops.org/awards](http://www.crops.org/awards).

The scholarship includes a one year complimentary CSSA, SSSA, ASA membership and a recognition certificate.

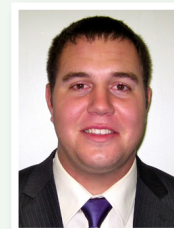
## 2017 Scholarship Recipients



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