

CALIFORNIA WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY – STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS AND RESEARCH AWARDS

The California Weed Science Society (CWSS) is pleased to announce 3 unique opportunities to support undergraduate and graduate students with an interest in weed or invasive plant management. To be eligible for any of these awards the student must be pursuing a degree at an accredited 2-year college or 4-year university in California and be enrolled through the spring 2012 term. Students graduating in winter 2011 or earlier are not eligible. *Preference will be given to students that can demonstrate a strong interest in weed or invasive plant management.* All awards will be given at the discretion of CWSS.

All applications must be received by March 15, 2012.

CWSS Scholarships: Academic scholarships up to \$2000 are available for undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduate and graduate student applications will be evaluated separately. The exact amount and number of scholarships awarded may vary depending on the number of applicants and availability of funds. Applicants will be evaluated based academic performance, activities and service, and demonstration of interest in weed or invasive plant management.

CWSS Internships: The internship is an award of \$3000 for an 8-week full-time internship with a University of California farm advisor or other off-campus research personnel with responsibilities in weed or invasive plant management. The internship supervisor will disperse the \$3000 and may have additional funding to further support the student.

Weed and invasive plant management specialists are present throughout California. See page 3 of this document for a list of specialists participating in this program. Other potential locations and specialists may be available. Contact Tom Lanini (wtlanini@ucdavis.edu) for more details on locations and expected work duties for this internship. Students must select the potential supervisor for their internship prior to applying.

Required materials for Scholarship or Internship applications (due March 15, 2012):

- 1) Student's address, phone number, email address, current university/college, academic major, and expected graduation date.
- 2) Resume stating current GPA; work experience; university/community activities and honors; and a list of relevant courses taken. (Note: transcripts may be requested)
- 3) A statement (500 words max) of academic and career goals that reflects the student's interest in weed or invasive plant management.
- 4) One letter of support from the student's academic advisor.
- 5) For internship only: letter of verification from the Univ. of Calf. Personnel selected.

CWSS Undergraduate Research Awards: The undergraduate research award is a grant up to \$2000 for a research project related to weed or invasive plant management. Students will need a faculty sponsor from their university for the project; however, the research project may be conducted under the primary supervision of other industry, USDA or off-campus university professionals. Students should meet with the desired supervisor to design the research project and create the research budget. The award may be used to defray the cost of research supplies,

travel, as stipend to support the student's time conducting the project, or any combination of these items. The monetary award will be administered by the project supervisor. Upon completion of the project, the student will present the research as a poster at the annual CWSS conference (held annually in January).

Required materials for Undergraduate Research Award applications:

- 1) Student's address, phone number, email address, current university/college, academic major, and expected graduation date.
- 2) Resume stating current GPA; work experience; university/community activities and honors; and a list of relevant courses taken. (Note: transcripts may be requested)
- 3) A 2-3 page research proposal written by the student including title, objective, general experimental approach, discussion of significance of project to weed science, references, and budget.
- 4) A letter of support from the faculty sponsor. Also include a letter of support from the supervisor of the research project if different from the faculty sponsor.

All required materials should be mailed or emailed as a single packet to:

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Students receiving the awards will be notified by April 15, 2012.

Any questions regarding the application procedure for these awards should be directed to Rob Wilson: rgwilson@ucdavis.edu

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