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ANNOUNCEMENT of the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) Scholar Awards — 2012

■ About the IPNI Scholar Award:

Awards of US\$2,000 each will be conferred to deserving graduate students in sciences relevant to **plant nutrition and management of crop nutrients**.

The Award will be made directly to the student. No specific duties will be required of the recipient.

The Award will be granted independent of any assistantship, scholarship, or other award that the student presently holds.

The Application is only available on-line at **www.ipni.net/scholar**

■ Eligibility

Graduate students currently attending a degree-granting institution located in any country with an IPNI program are eligible.

Candidates for either the M.S. or Ph.D. degrees, who are enrolled in a program of graduate study as of the application deadline, are eligible. Applicants who have already completed their degrees are ineligible. In the case of Ph.D. candidates, preference will be given to students who have a minimum of one year remaining before completion of their studies.

Priority will be given to the relevance of the proposed research in support of IPNI's mission. Students in the disciplines of soil and plant sciences including agronomy, horticulture, ecology, soil fertility, soil chemistry, crop physiology, and other areas related to plant nutrition are encouraged to apply.

Winners are not eligible for reappointment; the awards are for one time only.

■ Requirements

In order to complete the application process, you will need the following:

1. Electronic copy of transcripts of all college work, including cumulative and final grade average records (GPA or percentile).
2. Electronic copy of three letters of support, one of which should be from the major professor. Letters must be signed and written on official letterhead, and must include the phone number and e-mail address of the letter writer.
3. A description of the focus of your thesis or dissertation research presented in a manner that will permit evaluation of its originality, depth, and scope, innovative approaches, and relevance to IPNI's mission.
4. You will be asked to briefly describe any honors or awards you have received, employment, career goals, and other activities you pursue.

Note: You will be required to upload the electronic copy of the transcripts and support letters during the on-line application process. You should have an electronic copy of these documents prepared in advance. Further instructions are provided at the website.

■ Deadlines

Application must be completed by June 30, 2012.

Announcement of the Scholar Awards will be made in September 2012, and checks will be presented to the winners as soon as practical thereafter.

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The mission of IPNI is to develop and promote scientific information about the management of plant nutrition for the benefit of the human family.