Ben and Pauline Stanley Excellence Award for Outstanding Graduate Students

Louisiana State University School of Renewable Natural Resources

The Ben and Pauline Stanley Graduate Student Excellence Award recognizes doctoral and master’s students who have made outstanding contributions to research, service or teaching in the School of Renewable Natural Resources (SRNR). This award symbolizes the School’s commitment to excellence in graduate education. If deserving candidates are identified, these annual awards will be presented to a doctoral student and a master’s student from the SRNR who will use this award to advance their graduate education.

Eligibility – To be eligible, applicants must be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in the SRNR. Ph.D. students are eligible to apply after successful completion of their general examinations. Master’s students are eligible for the award after the completion of 75% (18 hours) of their coursework. Only currently enrolled students are eligible. Students may not receive the Ben and Pauline Stanley Graduate Student Excellence Award and the Clark M. Hoffpauer Memorial Fund simultaneously in an academic year.

Criteria - Successful nominees should demonstrate evidence of research (e.g., publications, presentations, etc.), service (e.g., School, University, public, etc.), or instruction (e.g., lectures, laboratory instruction, etc.). A student’s application should include the following documentation:

- A cover letter outlining the applicant’s qualifications and career goals
- A letter recommendation of no more than one page from a professor in the School that outlines the applicant’s qualifications.
- The applicant's vita of no more than three pages, made relevant to the award criteria, and emphasizing work done at LSU. The applicant’s vita should include the following information:
  - Name
  - Contact information
  - Date of enrollment in current graduate degree program
  - Degree program
  - Major professor
  - Current GPA
  - Professional experience
  - Professional meetings and conferences attended
  - Publications in peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings
  - Professional presentations and posters
  - Leadership and participation in student clubs, professional organizations, or other organizations or groups

Award – Recipients will receive a plaque and a $500 award presented at the annual SRNR awards banquet.

Selection Procedure – Application materials will be reviewed by the faculty and all comments will be considered by the SRNR Graduate Committee prior to making the award. Award recommendations from the committee will be forwarded to the Director.

Application Deadline - Application documentation is to be given to Ms. Cambre in the School office (227 RNR Building) no later than 30 September. For further information, please contact William E. Kelso, (225) 578-4176 / wkelso@lsu.edu.