

## **THE CARTER HARRISON ENDOWED FUND GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD**

The Carter Harrison Endowed Fund was established with gifts from Tso-cheng Chang in honor of Dr. Harrison. Dr. Harrison joined the Michigan State College Farm Crops Department (as it was then known) in 1936 and became a full professor in 1944. In his position, through Extension and research, he specialized in pastures and turfgrass, plant physiology and crop management. Dr. Harrison was a source of inspiration for countless students earning degrees from Michigan State University, and it is because of Mr. Chang's respect and admiration of Dr. Harrison and his distinguished career that he established this fund.

It is the intent of Tso-cheng Chang that this fund provides monies to be used to enhance the educational experience of graduate students in the Department. Awards shall be made to graduate students pursuing advanced degrees through appropriate research assistantships. The Department Chair shall designate a committee annually which shall be responsible for the selection of the recipient(s). This committee shall follow the selection criteria as outlined below:

- The recipient(s) must be enrolled in the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences at Michigan State University pursuing a graduate level degree program.
- The recipient(s) must have graduated from a high school located in the United States or China.
- The recipient(s) must meet established University and Departmental requirements (as amended from time to time) for research assistantships.
- The recipient(s) must demonstrate a strong desire to pursue a career in majors appropriate to the Department.
- The recipient(s) must demonstrate sound academic achievement and leadership skills through involvement in community activities.

Applications must include the following:

- Personal vitae
- Education background and transcripts
- A statement of long and short range goals for furthering education
- A statement of support from the Major Professor

Based on these guidelines, The Carter Harrison Endowed Fund Graduate Student Award Committee seeks nominations of outstanding graduate students for this award. The award shall be a minimum of \$10,000 to the recipient to help support the recipient's research assistantship. Previous award winners are eligible to apply for continued support.

**All recipients will be required to make a timely and appropriate acknowledgement to the Chair of the Carter Harrison Endowed Fund Graduate Student Award Selection Committee:**

Selection Committee Chair  
Carter Harrison Endowed Fund Graduate Student Award  
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A286 PSSB, Campus

Nominations must be submitted to: Sandie Litchfield, Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences, A286-D PSSB, by 5:00 P.M. on February 20, 2015. Awards will be announced on or after April 1, 2015, with award scheduled for Fall Semester, 2015.