

**The Biology Graduate Students Awards Committee (GSAC)** is calling for applications for the following internal graduate student awards/scholarships:

Gary Bortolotti Graduate Award in Ecology or Animal Behaviour  
Hammer Limnology Scholarship  
Malcolm A. Ramsay Memorial Award  
PRT Cellfor Inc. Graduate Scholarship  
R. Jan F. Smith Memorial Award  
T.C. Vanterpool Memorial Travel Awards  
Taylor A. Steeves Graduate Award in Botany  
Sawhney Graduate Travel Awards in Plant Biology

### **GARY BORTOLOTTI GRADUATE AWARD IN ECOLOGY OR ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR**

**Description:** This award is open to graduate students in the Department of Biology who are conducting research in ecology or animal behavior. Preference may be given to those whose study focus is ornithology.

**Application Procedure:** Candidates must submit a proposal outlining their professional development opportunity, the academic benefit they will receive by attending, and how it will help them in their career.

**Value: \$1000**

### **HAMMER LIMNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Description:** An annual award donated by Dr. Ted Hammer, Professor Emeritus, to a promising Limnology student.

**Eligibility:** Open to students who have completed a four year undergraduate degree in Biology/Botany/Zoology with an overall average of at least 75%; have a class in each of Limnology and Ecology plus one other class in Aquatic Biology/Ecology/Limnology; be admitted to a graduate program in Limnology; have graduated from the University of Saskatchewan, Department of Biology and registering in a graduate program at the University of Saskatchewan or at another university in Canada or a student graduate from another university but registering in a graduate limnology program at the University of Saskatchewan

**Application Procedure** Submit a complete package and a minimum of 2 references from appropriate referees.

**Value: \$1000**

## **MALCOLM A. RAMSAY MEMORIAL AWARD**

**Description:** It is the Department of Biology and the family of Dr. M. A Ramsay intent that the funds be used to support activities that will benefit students pursuing graduate studies within the Department of Biology at the University of Saskatchewan and who are conducting research with a focus on ecology, ethology or animal evolution. Activities supported by the fund may include research grants to support projects that comply with the Canada Custom Revenue Agency and student awards.

**Eligibility:** Open to students entering or continuing graduate studies and research within the Department of Biology at the University of Saskatchewan as defined by the Fund Committee. To be eligible for the award, students must demonstrate a minimum academic average of 80% in Biology courses and/or demonstrate excellence in biology research.

**Application Procedure:** Submit a complete GSA application package.

**Value: \$1,000**

## **PRT CELLFOR INC. GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Description:** To recognize academic achievement of students pursuing a graduate degree program in the area of plant biology and/or plant biotechnology to be conducted within the Department of Biology at the University of Saskatchewan.

**Eligibility:** Open to students entering or continuing studies in a Master's or Doctoral degree program conducting research in the area of plant biology and/or plant biotechnology as determined by the Awards Committee.

**Application Procedure:** Submit a complete GSA application package.

**Value: \$1,000**

## **R. JAN F. SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Description:** This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduate student in the Department of Biology who has demonstrated excellence in biology courses and research. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide funds to be used to offset expenses arising from research and/or provide assistance for graduate students within the department to attend conferences related to their area of study. The letter of application should include the intended use of the funds, which are awarded as a reimbursement following completion of the research activity.

**Eligibility:** All students entering or continuing graduate studies and research within the Department of Biology are eligible for the scholarship. Students must demonstrate a minimum academic average of 80% in biology courses and an overall minimum academic average of 75% and/or demonstrate excellence in biology research. Refereed publications, conference presentations and letters of recommendation will be used to judge excellence in research.

**Application Procedure:** Submit a complete GSA application package.

**Value: \$2,000**

## **T.C. VANTERPOOL MEMORIAL TRAVEL AWARD**

Description: The T.C. Vanterpool Memorial Travel Award is normally awarded annually by the Department of Biology for meritorious performance in plant pathology or mycology. It is presented to a graduate student registered at the University of Saskatchewan to assist in travel to a national or international scientific meeting. The student must present a paper or poster at the meeting and the meeting must be scheduled before September 15 of the year after the award. Although payment to the winner may be made as a travel advance, full accounting of the travel claim afterwards is required.

Each year the Department of Biology sends an invitation to departments with graduate students working in plant pathology or mycology. Graduate students may apply for the Vanterpool Award by writing a summary (maximum 1 page) of their research and its significance to their field. The application should also include a letter describing the benefit the student will derive by attending the meeting. The student's supervisor must also write a letter of recommendation for the student. All these items must be submitted to the Department of Biology by the announced deadline date. Meritorious performance will be judged on the basis of the application and recommendation letter as well as criteria such as: a completed thesis; a departmental seminar; one or more papers published or accepted by a refereed journal; academic standing in senior undergraduate or graduate courses; outstanding performance in research work attested to by the supervisor; combinations of the above.

Each year the winner will be chosen by a committee of the Department of Biology consisting of the chairperson of the Graduate Studies Awards Committee and two other members, preferably one of whom shall be a mycologist or plant pathologist. The award will consist of a framed certificate and a cheque drawn from accrued interest in the memorial fund. If in any year no award is made, the year's income less the University's administrative fee shall be added to the capital in the fund. In the event that sufficient income has been accrued in a year, more than one Vanterpool Award may be made. No student may receive the Vanterpool Award more than twice.

**Eligibility:** Meritorious performance in the previous year will be judged on the basis of criteria such as: a thesis presented to the College of Graduate Studies and Research; a departmental seminar; one or more papers published or accepted by a refereed journal; one or more papers presented at a national or international scientific meeting; academic standing in senior undergraduate or graduate classes; combinations of the above.

**Application Procedure:** Submit a complete GSA application package.

**Value:** \$1,000

## **TAYLOR A. STEEVES GRADUATE AWARD IN BOTANY**

**Description:** To recognize graduate students in the Department of Biology pursuing professional development opportunities including, but not limited to, conferences and presentations in Botany, in particular plant morphology and development, systematics, and ecology.

**Eligibility:** This award is open to graduate students in the Department of Biology who are conducting research in Botany with preference to those studying plant morphology and development, systematics and ecology.

**Application Procedure:** The complete GSA application package must include an outlining of their professional development opportunity, the academic benefit they will receive by attending and how it will help them in their career.

**Value: \$1,000**

### **SAWHNEY GRADUATE TRAVEL AWARD IN PLANT BIOLOGY**

**Description:** Open to graduate students in the Department of Biology studying in any area of plant biology.

**Eligibility Restrictions:** To be eligible, students must be presenting an oral paper or a poster at a national or international conference. Travel must occur within 12 months of the time the award is made.

**Application Procedure:** Candidates must submit, electronically, a brief proposal to: Email: joan.virgl@usask.ca, Graduate Student Awards Committee, Department of Biology outlining their travel plans and how the conference relates to their course of study.

**Selection Criteria:** Selection will be based upon merits of the submission, as determined by the Graduate Student Awards Committee, Department of Biology.

**Value: \$500**