



Research Grants

The TREE Fund's research grants have contributed to improvements in plant management techniques, industry safety practices and equipment, and strategies for disease suppression and resistance to pests. We offer grants in the areas of Root and Soil Management; Planting and Establishment; Plant Health Care; Risk Assessment and Worker Safety; Technology Transfer; Urban Forestry; and Arboriculture Education. Contact the TREE Fund to learn more about these grant opportunities:

TREE Fund Fellowship (\$100,000, 3-5 year duration): supports mentored doctoral research projects in priority areas of arboriculture and urban forestry.

Hyland R. Johns Grants (up to \$25,000, 3-5 year duration; April 1st annual deadline): support research that directly affects the work of industry professionals.

John Z. Duling Grants (up to \$10,000; October 1st annual deadline): provide "seed" funding for new, innovative research projects.

Jack Kimmel International Grants (up to \$10,000; October 1st annual deadline): provide funding for arboriculture research projects all over the world.

Directed Grant Program: The Research Committee, with approval by the TREE Fund Trustees, may select a topic for focused funding and solicit proposals from specific researchers. The size of the grant varies, depending on the nature of the work and funds available.

Sponsored Grant Program (funded by a sponsor or donor for a specific project or topic): The purpose of the grant must meet the mission of the TREE Fund and be funded prior to the request for proposals being announced. The sponsor or donor may include the research committees of various allied organizations such as the UAA or ISA Chapters.

Education Support Opportunities

- **Arboriculture Education Grant Program:** Thanks to the Robert Felix Memorial Fund, established through the Tree Care Industry Association (one of our co-founding organizations), Arboriculture Education Grants support the development of arboriculture educational programs and materials for K-12 students.
- **Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant:** Funded by Ohio Chapter ISA to fund arboricultural education programs or projects within the State of Ohio. The grant is open to 503(c)(3) organizations including, but not limited to, arboreturns, public



gardens, high schools, vocational schools, 2-year colleges and 4-year colleges, which serve a target population of 16 years of age or older.

- **Emerald Ash Borer Education Grant Program:** Funded by Arborjet. Supports the education of individuals about the strategies, tools and techniques used to protect our urban forest against the emerald ash borer.
- **Careers in Arboriculture DVD and Facilitator's Guide:** Funded by USDA Forest Service NUCFAC, Asplundh, Bartlett and STIHL, the DVD's target audience is high school students. In addition to high schools and technical schools, this DVD is popular with universities and colleges, small businesses, and arborists.

TREE Fund Scholarships

The TREE Fund offers scholarships for undergraduate students who aspire to careers in arboriculture, urban forestry and related fields. Scholarship opportunities include:

Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) through the former National Arborist Foundation, these scholarships are funded by annual gifts from TCIA and members. Up to four (4) scholarships of \$3,000 each are given annually to college students studying arboriculture, urban forestry or related fields with the intention of entering arboriculture. Applications and reference letters are due by April 1st of each year.

John Wright Memorial Scholarship

The \$2,000 John Wright Memorial Scholarship is available to high school seniors and returning college students pursuing careers related to arboriculture. Established in 2008 by Wright Tree Service of Des Moines, IA, the award was created to help undergraduate students attend college without accumulating burdensome debt. Deadline for applications is May 15th of each year.

Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2015 by the Penn-Del Chapter of ISA and supports female college students from Pennsylvania or Delaware enrolled in a program related to the practice of arboriculture and urban forestry. The award amount is \$2,000. Applications are due June 1st of each year.

Horace M. Thayer Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Penn-Del Chapter of ISA in 2015 and supports college students from Pennsylvania or Delaware enrolled in a program related to the practice of arboriculture and urban forestry. The awards are \$2,000. Applications are due June 1st of each year.