



**February 2021**

*"I am truly grateful for the TREE Fund's support over my career. There are almost no other sponsors that would even consider supporting many of the projects I work on. I really hope the TREE Fund continues to provide funding for research that directly benefits practical arboriculture."*

– Brian Kane, PhD

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## **Seeking Community Engagement Manager**

The TREE Fund seeks to hire a community engagement manager. This position is primarily responsible for organizing events--particularly the Tour des Trees--and helping with communications.

Other duties include assisting with website updates, newsletter writing, social media outreach, reviewing grant letters of interest, and staffing committee meetings.

Required qualifications: organizational ability, event planning, peer-to-peer and online fundraising, proficiency with WordPress and Microsoft Office, writing, editing, social media, and public speaking. Some interstate travel required.

Helpful qualifications: proficiency with e-Tapestry software and JustGiving platform, experience in 501c(3) organizations, interest in science, and familiarity with arboriculture and cycling.

Local candidates are preferred but we are open to considering remote employment.

[Go here](#) for a full job description and application instructions.



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## **Research Grants Awarded in 2020**

The following grants were awarded by the TREE Fund Board of Trustees in the fall cycle of 2020. We look forward to learning the emerging science these

research projects will reveal.

### **Barborinas Family Fund Grant**

Amanda Bayer, PhD, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

“Impact of container type, substrate, and volumetric water content during transplant of bare root *Cornus florida* during production”

### **John Z. Duling Grant**

Susan D. Day, PhD, University of British Columbia

“Analysing timing and causes of individual tree loss after land development: Insights for urban forest management”

### **Jack Kimmel International Grant** *(sponsored by Canadian TREE Fund)*

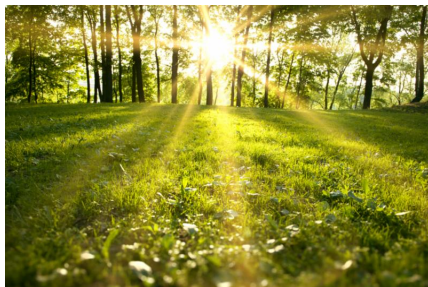
Luke Jimu, PhD, Bindura University of Science Education, Zimbabwe

“Did *Armillaria* pathogens track their hosts in the National Botanic Garden, Zimbabwe?”

### **Bob Skiera Memorial Fund Building Bridges Initiative Grant**

Mysha Clarke, PhD, University of Florida

“Enhancing collaboration amongst urban forest stakeholders – An assessment of natural hazard risk perceptions in relation to the services and disservices of city trees”



## **New Webinar Added!**

The TREE Fund is proud to announce a new webinar added to its 2021 webinar series. Mark your calendar for April 20, noon CST.

### **Planning for the Next Three Letter Urban Tree Canopy Changer: Lessons**

**Learned with DED, EAB, ETC.** with Richard Hauer, PhD, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

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## **Application Period Open: Hyland R. Johns Grant Program**

Established in 1995 to honor one of the leaders in the arboriculture industry and a founder of the ISA Research Trust, the Hyland R. Johns Grant Program funds longer term research and technology transfer projects that have the potential of benefiting the everyday work of arborists. Projects are expected to be completed within three to five years, with a maximum award value of \$25,000. No project may receive more than one award from this program.

The TREE Fund will accept completed applications only between Jan. 15 and March 15, 2021. To apply, send an email containing a brief letter of inquiry (LOI) of no more than 100 words describing your project title and concept to [treefund@treefund.org](mailto:treefund@treefund.org) before March 1. Your LOI must clearly identify the principal investigator and institution contracted for the work should your application be approved.

The TREE Fund will evaluate whether your LOI concept meets all of our application criteria and is deemed to have a reasonable possibility of success given this year's research priorities. If your LOI is approved, the TREE Fund will send you a numbered application form for your use. You may not apply without that numbered application form.

For more information about this grant and how to apply, please visit our website [here](#).

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## Lead Donors

We are deeply grateful to the following people and organizations who contributed \$2,500 or more to the TREE Fund in January 2021:

**John B. Ward & Co.**  
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## Application Period Open: Utility Arborist Research Fund Grant Program

The TREE Fund and Utility Arborist Association (UAA) established the Utility Arborist Research Fund (UARF) in 2010 to finance work with real importance and benefit to utility tree care professionals. In 2017, the UARF endowment reached its \$1 million activation goal, and the first grant under this program was awarded in 2018.

A total of \$50,000 is available for award in 2021; the minimum award considered will be \$10,000, the maximum \$50,000, so that one to five grants may be awarded, subject to receipt of compliant applications. Work funded by UARF is expected to be completed within one to three years of award.

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## Tour des Trees 2021

The 2020 Tour des Trees was scheduled for Colorado but postponed by the pandemic. We held a highly successful virtual tour instead. For 2021, we're planning to have both a "real" tour and a virtual tour.



We're planning to return to Colorado, but much depends on the success of the inoculation efforts for COVID-19. We will announce by mid-March whether the "real" tour will be held this year.

Watch the *TREE Press* and our website for more information.

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## Application Period Open: Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant Program

Established in 2012, the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture Education Grant Program funds arboricultural education programs or projects within Ohio. The purpose of this grant is to increase the public awareness of and support the advancement of knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry to benefit people, trees, and the environment. Successful grant applications must:

- relate to arboriculture, urban forestry or related disciplines;
- serve a target population aged 16 years or older;
- include a hands-on, interactive or experiential component; and
- include a sound evaluation component to demonstrate program outcomes and impact.

The grant application process is open to non-profit, charitable, municipal or educational organizations that can demonstrate tax-exempt status, are not engaged in partisan political or religious activity, and whose mission is consonant with the TREE Fund's charitable purpose, including but not limited to, arboretums, public gardens, high schools, vocational schools, two-year colleges and four-year colleges.

Projects are expected to be completed within one year.

Award amount: \$5,000

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## Support the TREE Fund Through PayPal



When you make payments through PayPal, you can choose to donate to the TREE Fund. PayPal does not charge a fee for the service, but does provide donation and donor reports, issue receipts, and make grants to the TREE Fund every month.

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## Application Period Open: Scholarships

The TREE Fund offers scholarships for undergraduate students who aspire to careers in arboriculture, urban forestry, and related fields. All active scholarship programs are listed below. Before applying for any scholarship, carefully read the guidelines provided in the “Read More” links below. [Contact](#) the TREE Fund directly with any questions.

### **Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship Program**

Supports college students studying arboriculture, urban forestry or related fields with the intention of pursuing careers in arboriculture.

Award amount: \$5,000

Applications accepted Jan. 15 to March 15, 2021

[Read more](#)

### **Bonnie Appleton Memorial Scholarship Program**

Supports college students studying arboriculture, urban forestry, horticulture, nursery management or a related field with the intention of becoming a professional in one of these fields.

Award amount: \$5,000

Applications accepted Jan. 15 to March 15, 2021

[Read more](#)

### **John Wright Memorial Scholarship Program**

Supports high school seniors and returning college students pursuing careers related to arboriculture.

Award amount: \$5,000

Applications accepted Jan. 15 to March 15, 2021

[Read more](#)

### **Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture Scholarship Program**

Supports female college students enrolled in a program related to the practice of arboriculture and urban forestry.

Award amount: \$5,000



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## TREE Fund Webinar Series 2021

The TREE Fund is proud to partner with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System to bring you free education offerings. We are now able to accommodate up to 3,000 participants! Mark your calendars for these upcoming free webinars from TREE Fund:



### **Planning for the Next Three Letter Urban Tree Canopy Changer: Lessons Learned with DED, EAB, ETC.**

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 12 p.m. Central  
Richard Hauer, PhD, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

### **LiDAR based urban tree inventory permits a better evaluation of tree services: an example from Montréal Canada**

Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 12 p.m. Central  
Dan Kneeshaw, PhD, University of Quebec, Montreal

### **Why do some trees transplant better than others?: a look at some new research on water uptake**

Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12 p.m. Central  
Nina Bassuk, PhD, Cornell University

### **A three-pronged approach to understanding the defensive mechanisms in Green Ash resistant to EAB**

July 27, 2021, at 12p.m. Central  
Jeanne Romero-Severson, PhD, University of Notre Dame

### **Long term effects of electrical right-of-way vegetation management on floral and faunal communities**

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, at 12 p.m. Central  
Carolyn Mahan, PhD, Penn State Altoona

### **Growing trees in paved sites**

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, at 12 p.m. Central  
Alessio Fini, PhD, University of Milan

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## Show Your TREE Fund Pride!

Gifts for yourself and others, proudly displaying the TREE Fund logo, can be found on [Zazzle](#). The more we raise awareness about the vital role trees play in our lives--enhancing personal health and wellness, strengthening our communities and economy, and contributing to the sustainability of our planet, the better. Making people aware of the TREE Fund is a good first step.

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