



## **2015 ISA CONFERENCE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS**

The Arboricultural Research and Education Academy (AREA) recognizes the importance of professional meetings as an educational and networking opportunity for college students interested in arboriculture and urban forestry. Furthermore, AREA realizes that travel to professional meetings can place a significant burden on students coping with tuition, fees, and living expenses.

To facilitate growth of future professionals—and ultimately, the profession as a whole—AREA has established a competitive travel grant program for undergraduate and graduate students interested in attending the **2015 International Society of Arboriculture Conference in Orlando, Florida, USA**.

To offset travel costs and leverage travel funding from other sources, five (5) grants will be awarded to the top applicants. Grant recipients from North America will receive **\$500 (USD)** and recipients outside North America will receive **\$750 (USD)**. Up to two (2) travel grants will be made available to recipients outside North America. As an additional incentive, award recipients will be able to share email communications with other award recipients; this will allow students an opportunity to potentially share some of the hotel/accommodation costs. All grant recipients will also receive a complimentary full conference registration and one ticket to the AREA Annual Meeting and Luncheon. The luncheon meeting is an opportunity to share ideas, goals and network with researchers, students, urban foresters and other professionals. Those students attending the luncheon will be encouraged to briefly describe their conference experience.

All grant recipients will be required to give a 10-minute presentation on their research during the AREA session in Orlando, FL (**Wednesday, August 12, 2015**). Grants will be distributed to the recipients after the ISA conference and payment will be contingent on the recipients making their presentation during the AREA session and submitting a brief article about their conference experience for publication in the AREA newsletter.

**NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS:** The AREA Executive committee will review the travel grant applications within two weeks of the submission deadline. Notifications will be sent to all applicants shortly thereafter.

An electronic copy of the grant application should be prepared **by the student** and e-mailed to [AREA](#) **by the deadline of Friday, February 13, 2015**.

### **Application Instructions**

**1. Complete the application** (next 2 pages)

**Include a Brief Statement of Interest** that provides: 1) a brief biography; 2) a short justification detailing your merits as a student of arboriculture and urban forestry; and 3) a brief explanation of how attending the ISA conference will benefit you academically and professionally.

**Include an Abstract** of your proposed 10-minute research presentation (250 words maximum).

Students who have already submitted abstracts for oral presentations (in response to the 2015 general Call for Papers) should include a copy of that abstract.

**2. Request a letter of support from your faculty adviser;** he/she must e-mail it directly to AREA by the deadline of February 13, 2015.

**E-mail all required application materials by Friday, February 13, 2015 to: [AREA@isa-arbor.com](mailto:AREA@isa-arbor.com).**



Application Cover Sheet

**2015 ISA Conference Student Travel Grants**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Permanent/Home Address:

*(travel grant funds will be mailed AFTER the conference)*

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UNIVERSITY: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT / COLLEGE: \_\_\_\_\_

STATUS:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Master's student  Doctoral student

FACULTY ADVISER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Adviser's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Interest**

**Biography**

**Experience (Arboriculture/Urban Forestry)**

**Benefits (of attending ISA Conference)**

**Abstract (Summary, 250 words max)**