REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
Christi Heintz Memorial Scholarship Award
August 15, 2020

Background

In 2006, Project Apis m. began working diligently on behalf of beekeepers and growers by investing in projects to solve honey bee health challenges. Founders contributed funds to support applied research to answer the highest priority questions. We strive to be the go-to resource for science-based answers We are proud of where we are, excited by where we are going, and we know that none of this would have been possible without the vision, hard work, and tireless enthusiasm of Project Apis m.'s founding leader – Christi Heintz. Christi served as PAm's executive director for ten years and laid a strong foundation including the tradition of funding scholarships for future exceptional scientists. We encourage applicants who may not have met her to read her memorial.

Many generous donors have contributed to this award recognizing and honoring her contributions to the beekeeping industry and the legacy she left through her leadership and friendship. A scholarship award of $20,000 will be provided to one master's student doing research aligned with PAm's mission, who can also demonstrate their embodiment of Christi's spirit of curiosity, collaboration, and fearlessness

Project Apis m. has become the largest non-governmental, nonprofit honey bee research organization in the USA. Established by beekeepers and almond growers in 2006, PAm has infused over $8.5 million into 119 practical bee research projects to provide growers with healthier bees resulting in better pollination and increased crop yields, and $2.9 Million in restoring habitat to provide nutrition to honey bees.

Priority Areas for Funding

The purpose of Christi Heintz Memorial Scholarship Award is to ensure the continuity of honey bee health scientists and specialties in the academic and research world. It also intends to develop innovation and sustainability for the beekeeping industry and assure its future contributions to agriculture, where many crops depend upon pollination for success. The award will recognize and support an outstanding graduate student who is, or will be, pursuing a master's degree in fields within the Project Apis m. mission of enhancing honey bee health while improving crop production.

Qualifications: Candidates must be accepted into an M.S. degree program in the US or Canada. It is preferable the candidates have working experience with bees, crops, or pollination. The individual must demonstrate potential for significant achievements, innovation, and bridging industry needs in honey bee health science and research.

Financial Support: $20,000 of support in a one-time payment to the university or college will

support the selected candidate's education and research. Project Apis m. scholarships do not cover administrative overhead, appropriate costs covered include student's stipend, tuition, books, fees, research supplies and testing, and reasonable travel to present results.

Applications must be submitted to Project Apis m.'s [online portal here](#) by midnight (PDT), September 15, 2020. Copies of proposals will be distributed to a select Review Committee which may include representatives of Project Apis m., the beekeeping and almond industries, and Christi's family.

Approval and Funding
PAm will notify the successful candidate shortly after approval by the Review Committee. We anticipate approval by October 2020.

Expectations
PAm assumes projects will be executed as stated in the application, specifically with reference to the defined objectives, timeline, and budget. Successful candidates and their university will sign an agreement with PAm. Two reports per year will be provided to PAm by the candidate through the completion of their degree.

Questions Contact patty@projectapism.org with brief questions concerning submission of applications to Project Apis m.

How to Apply
To apply, please follow these instructions:
1. Submit your application materials in pdf format and your video in .mp4 format.
2. Use the following file naming conventions for the submitted documents
   a. Application - [Date(YYYY_M_D)_Lastname_Firstname_Application]
   b. Video - [Date(YYYY_M_D)_Lastname_Firstname_Video]
   c. Curriculum vitae – [Date(YYYY_M_D)_Lastname_Firstname_CV]
   d. Recommendations – [Date(YYYY_M_D)_Lastname_Firstname_Recommd1] ..2, …3
   e. Other documents – [Date(YYYY_M_D)_Lastname_Firstname_Name of Document]
3. Applications submitted after September 15, 2020, 11:59PM EST will not be considered.
4. Documents required:
   i. **Application** (items 4-9 below not to exceed 350 words each). Use this number convention in your application:
      1. Name, address, phone, email, date
      2. University information – for both graduate and undergraduate colleges provide college, academic department, major, overall GPA, research advisor name, phone and email address
      3. University where student has been accepted or is currently enrolled in a masters program
      4. Proposed field of study and description of research project, including its relevance to healthy bees, crops, and PAm's mission.
      5. Financial requirements and detailed budget for use of funding
      6. What ambitious goals do you have for the industry for the next 5 years?
      7. Beekeeping experience.
      8. Personal statement about your interest in PAm's mission and how you plan to use your degree
      9. Christi loved learning new things and conquering new challenges. Tell us

about a personal challenge you have faced and overcome, or a goal or accomplishment that required vision and tenacity (like logging hundreds of miles hiking in a year, breaking your leg but still riding motorcycles, or teaching yourself a whole new expertise in something).

ii. **Video**- provide a 3-minute video that shows your spirit of curiosity, collaboration, and fearlessness, include examples of innovation in your life as well as addressing your interest in Project Apis m. and bee health. Your video should be snappy, surprising, in good taste, and convince our review committee that your qualities and determination will benefit the beekeeping industry. Videos over 3 minutes will not be accepted.

iii. **Curriculum vitae** – 2 pages maximum

iv. **Letters of Recommendation**
1. Submit two, one must be from a graduate advisor, not to exceed 1 page each

v. **University transcripts**

vi. **Other documents**
1. Other documents may be considered, however they should be carefully chosen and directly related to the application

5. An interview by phone or video may be requested.