

# Student Awards at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum

These cash prizes are to encourage creative work related to the mission of the UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum ([www.mbgna.umich.edu](http://www.mbgna.umich.edu)). Each prize has its own criteria - apply to the one that best fits your proposal – the review panel will re-assign as appropriate. Only undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at the University of Michigan are eligible. **Applications are due Feb. 13, 2009.**

For 2009, proposals (except the Chase Fellowship) that address issues relevant to our properties and facilities in ecological stewardship, green technologies and design related to the built environment, gardening with children, or local food production are especially welcome.

## **Nanette R. LaCross Prize(s) and William D. Drake Prize(s)**

These awards are intended to recognize and honor past, current or proposed work by students in SNRE or PitE who link their studies with the Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum in some way. Examples include regular volunteering, proposing or working on special projects, conducting research or artistic endeavors related to the properties, or participating as student employees at the MBGNA in a way that leads to meaningful growth and development. The LaCross Prize honors the student who best exemplifies the spirit of Nanette LaCross who as a lawyer worked tirelessly for women's rights, animal welfare, and many other environmental concerns. Similarly, the Drake Prize honors the student who best exemplifies the spirit of William Drake who as a professor in the School of Natural Resources and Environment was dedicated to a variety of environmental concerns at both global and local scales. To apply for these awards you must submit a 1-2 page statement describing past affiliation or proposing some new activity, describing how it has or will contribute to your personal and career goals. Also include a copy of your resume with names of at least three references.  
Prize range: \$1,000 - \$2,500.

## **Winifred B. Chase Fellowship**

The purpose of this award is to aid students in research in systematic botany, plant geography, and other phases of botany requiring field study or for the accumulation of plant materials for garden, herbarium, or laboratory investigations. To apply for this award, you must submit a description of your proposed study, a budget, and a copy of your resume with names of at least three references.  
Prize range: \$1,000 - \$1,500

## **Mildred Hague Matthaei Award**

The purpose of this award is to support student research at or on behalf of Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum. To apply for this award, you must submit a description of your proposed study, a budget, and a copy of your resume with names of at least three references.  
Prize range: \$1,000 - \$2,000

## **Research Endowment Fund Awards**

The purpose of this Fund is to support research in botany and related studies that will enhance the scientific basis for wise management of the environments of the earth. To apply for this award, you must submit a description of your proposed study, a budget, and a copy of your resume with names of at least three references.  
Prize range: \$1,000 - \$2,000

## **Submission & Announcement**

To submit an application for these awards, apply by email before Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to: [michener@umich.edu](mailto:michener@umich.edu). For questions, please contact Dr. Michener at 647-8711 or by email. Students preferring to submit applications on paper should mail them via campus mail, but the deadline applies to when they are received, not when sent: David Michener, Curator, Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, 9741. **Absolute deadline for applications: Friday, February 13, 2009.**

Decisions will be announced in mid-March, 2009. Awards to students graduating in PitE or SNRE in May, 2009 will be listed in the graduation program.