

# U-M Student Prizes and Fellowship at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum

Cash prizes and awards are made each year to encourage and recognize creative work and scholarship related to the mission of the UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum ([www.mbgna.umich.edu](http://www.mbgna.umich.edu)). Only currently enrolled University of Michigan undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. Preference is given to students who have not won previously. **All applications and nominations are due by 5:00 pm Friday, January 13, 2012.**

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

These Prizes 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 related to our mission, 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. *Nominations can be made by fellow students, staff or faculty, or students can apply themselves.* For students proposing a new project relevant to MBGNA, examples might include botanical, zoological, or ecological studies; environmental stewardship projects; green technologies and design related to the built environment; gardening with children, and local food production.

**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.

**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.

*Restrictions:* Only students in SNRE or PITE may apply.

*To apply for these prizes* 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.

*To nominate someone,* please submit a short one paragraph statement about the person you'd like to nominate and their connection to Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum. We will then ask the student nominated to submit an application.

*Prize range:* \$500 - \$2,000.

## Winifred B. Chase Fellowship

The purpose of this Fellowship 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.

*Restrictions:* no academic restriction, but typically supporting projects in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (EEB), SNRE or PitE.

*To apply for this Fellowship,* you must submit a description of your proposed study (3 page maximum), a budget, and a copy of your resume with names of at least three references.

*Prize range:* \$500 - \$2,000.

## Submission & Announcement

To submit an application for these awards, apply by email to: [michener@umich.edu](mailto:michener@umich.edu). For questions, please contact Dr. Michener at 734-647-8711 or by email. **Deadline for applications/nominations: 5:00 pm Friday, January 13, 2012.**

Decisions will be announced by mid-March, 2012. Awards to students graduating in PitE or SNRE in April, 2012, will be listed in the graduation program.