



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

HOWARD AND MYRLENE WILKERSON STUDENT TRAVEL SUPPORT ENDOWMENT

1. Purpose

The goal of this endowment is to provide funding for a student interested in sharing his/her knowledge, skills, and abilities with needy populations in Haiti. Current outreach activities, led by alumni and friends of Mississippi State University, are building two sustainable communities named Galette Chambon and Thoman east of Port-au-Prince. A student from CALS will be able to use this opportunity to promote the vision of a university “that is globally aware and involved”. The approximately \$1,800 stipend provided by the endowment will be applied to the cost of air fare to Haiti as well as on-site lodging or other expenses related to the program activity.

2. Requirements

Candidates for the HOWARD AND MYRLENE WILKERSON STUDENT TRAVEL SUPPORT ENDOWMENT must:

1. Be a full-time graduate or undergraduate student enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
2. Have demonstrated academic achievement with a 2.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.
3. Be of good moral character and have demonstrated leadership ability.
4. Possess skills and knowledge that will be identified on an annual basis in the request for applicants. For the 2016 award the recipient must possess technical or specialized expertise in the following area:

A. Land use and cultivation management in emerging and underdeveloped economies. The successful candidate will assist with implementing a basic site assessment for use in farm/community planning.

5. Be prepared to share their experiences with at least three student organizations or groups. These may be at the university or local level.
6. Work through the MSU Study Abroad Office in coordination with this international activity to assure compliance with student international experience program requirements.

3. Proposal Format

Each applicant will submit a response that does not exceed three pages. Each response will contain the following headings:

- Name, department & major, classification, and GPA.
- Qualifications as described in section 2.4 above.
- A plan for sharing the experience with other student organizations or groups.

4. Administration

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean’s Office will administer this endowment. A call for applicants for this student travel support fund will be made annually. Preference will be given to proposals that expand on or enhance current MSU research. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Development Foundation and Dean’s Offices will review applicant proposals. Award funds will not be given directly to the recipients; rather, the university business office will credit the recipients' tuition and fee expenses each semester.

5. Timeline

- October 9, 2015** Request for proposals is released.
- November 16, 2015** Proposals are due to Amanda Bell (abell@cals.msstate.edu) by 5:00 p.m. Must be submitted electronically in pdf format.
- December 1, 2015** Review of proposals is complete.
- December 2, 2015** Recipient of the 2016 Travel Support Endowment is announced.
- January 1, 2016** Travel scheduling to Haiti is opened and will be coordinated with But God Ministries staff.
- August 1, 2016** Travel to Haiti for up to one month will be complete.
- August 15, 2016** Plan for sharing travel experiences with student organizations is finalized.
- December 1, 2016** Meetings with student organizations are complete.

Deadline for Proposals is November 16, 2015. All proposals must be electronically sent to Amanda Bell (abell@cals.msstate.edu) Contact phone number for Amanda Bell is 662-325-8112.