

## **The Lowenstein Graduate Fellowship Guidelines**

Dr. Bernard Lowenstein established the Bonnie Lowenstein Memorial Scholarships to honor Bonnie and her love of gardening. The Lowenstein Graduate Fellowship continues this devotion by establishing a program to help graduate students pursue their continued education in Horticulture. The proceeds (or at least 80% of annual proceeds) from the endowment (estimated at \$3,750/yr) will be used to supplement a graduate assistantship. The Agronomy and Horticulture departmental Scholarship Committee will select the recipient.

The Lowenstein Graduate Fellowship will be awarded to:

1. A graduate student majoring in Horticulture (MS) or Agronomy (PhD) with an emphasis in ornamental horticulture, landscape design, or floriculture.
2. The candidate must be a full-time, regular student in good standing at NMSU at the time of acceptance of the Fellowship.
3. A M.S. student is eligible to receive the fellowship only once in their second year of study.
4. A Ph.D. student is eligible to receive the fellowship in their first year of Ph.D. work, but can receive the Fellowship no more than twice. The renewal is contingent of progress during the first year, and a proposal must be submitted each year.
5. The student should receive at least a one-half time (10 h/wk) assistantship (teaching or research) from the department. The fellowship is an enhancement, not a replacement for other funds.
6. The advisor, in conjunction with their student, must submit a proposal (no more than 4 pages) describing work to be completed as part of the Fellowship. The money will be awarded to the student, but the award can be used for supplementing salary, travel, or extraordinary supplies as outlined in the proposal. Salary will be awarded as an adjustment to a monthly stipend.
7. The recipient, designated the Lowenstein Fellow, shall occupy an office designated with a plaque as the Lowenstein Fellow. The duties shall include:
  - a. attending faculty meetings as requested by the Department Head to represent student issues.
  - b. presenting the Lowenstein Lecture, a seminar in the second semester detailing the accomplishments.
  - c. coordinating activities of the Graduate Student Organization (GSO).
  - d. and other duties as assigned by the advisor
8. At the Scholarship Committee's discretion, 20% of the annual proceeds can be accumulated such that every third year, the Lowenstein Fellow, in consultation with their advisor, can recruit a renowned faculty member from another institution to interact with faculty and students. This person must spend at least one week on campus in a capacity building function; lectures, collaborating, consulting. A proposal must be submitted to fund this activity.
9. Resulting publications including theses and dissertations will acknowledge that the student was partially funded as the Lowenstein Fellow.