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Agricultural Experiment Station Graduate Research Awards 2016

The AES graduate research awards are intended to further the mission of the AES by expanding research that will benefit the citizens of NM. These assistantships will help attract and train outstanding graduate students to understand the complexities and value of quality research. The AES currently allocates \$200,000 per year for these awards. Our AES 2016/17 legislative request would increase this funding by \$375,000. Keep your fingers crossed.

\$20,000 per year will be awarded to Faculty advisors. Funding for research assistantships (PhD and/or MS) will be available on July 1 or on January 1, depending on graduate student availability. There will be a \$40,000 maximum benefit per student – i.e., 2 years at \$20K/year or 4 years at \$10k/year. Once students complete their degrees, PIs will need to compete for new funding. PIs from any department requiring a research thesis/dissertation may apply. To increase chances of receiving an award - remember the mission of the AES: <http://aces.nmsu.edu/aes/about.html>.

Awards are only to be used for graduate student salary associated with research. PIs are encouraged to match or increase the RA stipends with grant funding to attract quality students to their programs. There is an opportunity to increase the award by up to \$4,000 in operations/travel funding per year for any project working at one of our distant “off-campus” science and research centers (Corona, Mora, Farmington, Clovis, Tucumcari, Artesia, Alcalde, Clayton, or Los Lunas).

PIs receiving awards will need to submit a written report by December 10 of each grant year to qualify for funding in the next cycle.

To apply for an AES Graduate Research Award, include the following (2 page maximum):

1. PI name, department, email.
2. Student name and contact information (if known, this is optional).
3. Funding details – start date (Jan 1 or July 1), requested budget and timeline.
4. Research Project Description or Proposed Area of Research:
 - a. Why is the project important?
 - b. What will the student be doing?
 - c. How will this help the state of NM?
 - d. How might this leverage future funding for your program?

Send application to Teri Diaz, tediaz@nmsu.edu, by February 22, 2016. Awards will be announced by March 18, 2016.