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Award type: travel scholarship

### **Helgason Travel Award for Graduate Students in Plant Science**

A fund has been established at The University of Manitoba as a memorial tribute to Dr. Sig Helgason (1913-92) to provide awards for students in the Department of Plant Science. The Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative has made a contribution to this fund. The available annual interest from the fund will be used to offer one or more awards, with a maximum value to be set by the Head of the Department of Plant Science, on the recommendation of the Plant Science Graduate Studies Committee. The Award will be offered to one or more graduate students who:

- (1) have completed at least one year of an M.Sc. or Ph.D. program delivered by the Department of Plant Science;
- (2) have achieved a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0 (or equivalent) based on the last 60 credit hours of study;
- (3) will be attending a scientific meeting in a plant science related area and will be presenting the results of their research at the meeting (poster or oral presentation);
- (4) have demonstrated research ability based on the abstract submitted and the proposed research results to be presented at the meeting.

Applications will be available annually from the Department of Plant Science and must be submitted to the Associate Head, Department of Plant Science, by the advertised deadline. Funding must be used within the 12 month period following the date that the award recipients are announced. Recipients graduating within the 12 month period following the date that the award recipient is announced must use the funding received within six months of the date of convocation.

Selection of the recipient is based on

- (i) academic performance;
- (ii) letters of recommendation;
- (iii) quality of the abstract submitted and proposed research results to be presented;
- (iv) the potential value of the meeting to the student's development.

The award recipient will submit receipts for travel, registration, hotel and food expenses (based on current University of Manitoba *per diem* rates). Expenses will be reimbursed up to the current maximum value of the award.

Recipients may not hold more than one travel award offered through the Department of Plant Science within the same calendar year. The Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies will ask the Chair of the Awards Committee of the Department of Plant Science to convene the selection committee for this award. Any unspent revenue may be used at the discretion of the selection committee to offer additional awards.

The Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has the right to modify the terms of this award if, because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Such modification shall conform as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the award.

Established: *Senate, October 8, 1997*

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*Senate, May 17, 2017*

### **Biographical Information**

Dr. Helgason joined the Department of Plant Science in 1947 as a plant breeder, serving as Head from 1975 to 1978, when he retired. He was named Professor Emeritus in 1980 and maintained an ongoing involvement in his research programme, graduate student committees, and departmental affairs until 1984. His outstanding career accomplishments include the development of corn inbreds and hybrids and the release of several barley varieties, including the six-row malting variety, Argyle.