of Extension activities. Qualifications-Minimum qualifications include: i) Ph.D. in Crop Science, Agronomy, or closely related field with major emphasis on cropping systems, ii) evidence of ability to communicate orally and in writing, iii) ability to work effectively in a team environment with Extension and agribusiness personnel, iv) ability to develop proposals to seek outside funding for program support, v) ability to conduct an effective applied research program in support of extension activities, and vi) skills regarding the effective use of electronic media in education and communication of technical information. Preferred qualifications include: i) previous experience in Extension and/or outreach activities, ii) research experience, and iii) evidence of the ability to publish and secure extramural funding. Rank-Assistant Professor, Salary-Competitive and commensurate with education and experience. Hiring contingent upon available funding. Application Deadline-November 17, 2014, or until a suitable candidate is identified. Date Position available-Jan 03, 2015. Application Procedure-Candidates should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, official transcripts, and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent directly to: Tina Johnson, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, Oklahoma State University, 368 Ag Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078-6028, Phone: 405-744-6130 Fax: 405-744-0354. Email: tina.r.johnson@okstate.edu.

Texas—Assistant Professor of Soil Physics. The Department of Plant & Soil Science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX seeks candidates for a faculty position in soil physics at the assistant professor level. This will be a 9-month, tenure-eligible position, with the possibility of summer salary support through teaching and/or research. Duties will include teaching courses in soils & soil-water relations, advising undergraduate & graduate students and working w/government & industry clientele. Candidates are expected to establish an outstanding teaching & grant-supported research program in basic & applied studies on water & gas exchange in the soil-plant-atmosphere continuum, as well as complement & broaden the current Plant & Soil Science Department’s capabilities. Willingness to collaborate with other soil scientists, ecophysiologists dealing w/crops, horticulture, forages, & turf, climatologists, geoscientists, landscape architects, civil & environmental engineers at Texas Tech, Texas A&M AgriLife. Candidates should have an earned Ph.D. in soil physics, environmental soil hydrology, or related field. Training & experience are desirable in soil and plant water relations, vadose zone hydrology, irrigation technology, soil management, environmental physics, transport processes, simulation modeling, spatial variability, instrumentation, & climatology. Demonstrated strength in publication consistent w/entry-level assistant professor rank in soil & environmental physics is expected. Applicants must have excellent interpersonal, oral, & written communication skills & the ability to effectively communicate & teach in English. Aptitudes for working with industry & government agencies as well as conducting & publishing high quality interdisciplinary scientific research are also expected. Must be authorized for employment in the United States, USDA-ARS, and USDA-NRCS is necessary. Please note that all application materials must be submitted on-line through the Texas Tech University application site at www.texas Tech.edu/careers/ & search for Requisition Number 1014BR. Applicants should submit a CV, teaching evaluations if available, official transcripts, along with statements of research & teaching philosophies. Applicants should supply names and contact information of three (3) individuals who may be contacted for letters of reference. Questions should be addressed to Dr. Chuck West, Search Committee Chair, Department of Plant and Soil Science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-2122, Phone (806) 834-4160; email: chuck.west@ttu.edu. Review of the applications will start September 1 & will continue until the position is filled. Earliest expected starting time is January 5, 2015.

Awards and Scholarships

AWSS Announces Travel Scholarships, Mentoring Award

Travel Scholarships to Annual Meeting

The Association for Women Soil Scientists (AWSS) announces its travel awards ($300 for first and $200 for second) for attendance at the 2014 ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Annual Meeting (2–5 Nov. 2014) in Long Beach, CA. The awards are offered to undergraduate and graduate female students traveling and presenting their research results at the 2014 meeting. Applicants must be members of the Association for Women Soil Scientists (may apply after award notice) and SSSA.

Award selection criteria are (in order of importance): (1) Higher preference to first-time students presenting at national meeting (either poster or oral session); (2) strength of abstract and recommendation; (3) accomplishments and career goals; (4) special circumstances (e.g., non-traditional students, single parents, illness, etc.); and (5) financial need.

The application deadline is 15 Sept. 2014. Email Dr. Rebecca Tirado-Corbalá, Award Committee Chair, at rebeccatiradocorbala@gmail.com, for instructions on how to apply.

Mentoring Award

The AWSS Mentoring Award recognizes individuals (either male or female) who have made significant contributions to the education, professional growth, and achievement of females in soil science. A plaque will be presented to the awardee at the Annual Meeting of AWSS during the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA International Annual Meeting in Long Beach, CA.

Many professors, researchers, and other educators have dedicated their work/effort to reduce the gender gap in soil science, and we want to recognize them. If you know anyone who has helped female students or young female professionals and made a significant difference in their career achievement, please nominate those individuals for recognition by AWSS. A nomination packet will include a nomination letter, curriculum vitae of the nominee, and two or more support letters. For more information, visit www.womeninsoils.org. Submit the nomination packet by 30 Sept. 2014 to Suduan Gao, AWSS Mentoring & Mentoring Award Committee Chair, at Suduan.Gao@ars.usda.gov.