employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law.

**Mississippi—Mississippi State University.** The emphasis of this position will be teaching and research. The successful candidate will develop an extramurally funded, nationally recognized research and teaching program on breeding and evaluation of turfgrass for use in the southeastern US. The program will use both traditional and advanced methods for improving quality traits, abiotic and biotic stresses (weeds/disease/insect) resistance and improving aesthetic quality of turfgrasses through consumer friendly precision breeding and/or other similar genetic techniques. The specific appointment will vary based on the expertise and experience of the individual but will begin at approximately 70/30% teaching/research with responsibilities of developing and teaching courses in turfgrass management, turf evaluation, and plant breeding and advising undergraduate and graduate students. The successful candidate will also conduct a broad range of cooperative, industry focused, problem-oriented, field and laboratory research projects in support of the turfgrass industry in Mississippi and beyond. This can be a 9-month or a 12-month position negotiable upon offer. Minimum qualifications include an earned Ph.D. in horticulture, agronomy, plant science/ecology, or related discipline with demonstrated specialization in turfgrass science/turfgrass breeding. Postdoctoral work in turfgrass science; expertise in field research related to turfgrass management/production systems; demonstrated ability to attract outside funding; excellent interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills; and an aptitude for working with industry clientele are desired. Individuals who are ABD will be considered. Procedures: Applicants must apply online at www.jobs.msstate.edu. A letter of application, personal C.V., and names/addresses/emails of at least four (4) professional references should be forwarded to: Dr. Mike Phillips, Head, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, Mississippi State University, Box 9555, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Nominations are encouraged and should be sent to the same address. Applications/nominations will be accepted until an acceptable candidate is chosen, but review of credentials will begin March 1, 2017 with an anticipated appointment date May 15, 2017. MSU is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, ethnicity, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, disability status, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. We always welcome nominations and applications from women, members of any minority group, and others who share our passion for building a diverse community that reflects the diversity in our student population.

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**Students**

**National Student Recognition Program**

**Recognizing Outstanding Seniors in Agronomy, Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences**

The National Student Recognition Program recognizes outstanding undergraduate seniors involved in crops, agronomy, soils, or environmental sciences. To be eligible, students must be current seniors at a four-year institution or a second year student at a two-year institution, belong to an active chapter of SASES, and be a member of ASA, CSSA, and/or SSSA as of 15 February. Students are selected by their departments based on their scholarship, leadership activities, and personal qualifications.

**Deadline to apply is 15 Feb. 2017.**

The program is supported by ASA, CSSA, and SSSA and recipients receive a plaque and recognition in the April issue of CSA News magazine. For more information and to apply, go to www.agronomy.org/undergrads/awards-scholarships/nsr.

**Gerald O. Mott Award**

**Recognizing Top-Notch Graduate Students in Crop Science**

The Gerald O. Mott Meritorious Graduate Student Award in Crop Science recognizes top-notch graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in crop science disciplines. Departments select students based on academic achievements, research and teaching contributions, leadership accomplishments, service activities, and personal qualifications. Candidates for this award must have completed at least one year of graduate work leading to a Master of Science or Doctor of Philosophy degree in a field of emphasis within any crop science related discipline. Students must be enrolled in a U.S. college or university and be current members of CSSA and/or ASA.

The award is offered by CSSA, and recipients receive a certificate and are recognized in CSA News magazine. Deadline to apply is 15 Feb. 2017. For more information and to apply, go to www.crops.org/gradstudents/awards or email students@crops.org.