

## **AS Atwal Graduate Scholarship in Bee Research**

### **Selection & Eligibility Criteria**

- Graduate student at a Canadian university no less than one year from the expected date of completion of their degree
- Preference will be given to research involving *Apis mellifera*, but research concerning any bee pollinator is eligible. The research focus can be anything involving basic biology, applications or management practices/extension
- In good academic standing at their institution
- A student may only receive the award once in their lifetime

### **Application procedure**

The following should be submitted, via email, to the chair of the CBRF (see below) by the Dec 1<sup>st</sup> deadline:

#### From the applicant

- A research proposal of no more than two (2) pages (plus one (1) page of references and figures). The document should be written in 12 pt Times or 11 pt Arial on letter-sized pages with margins no smaller than 2 cm and line spacing of at least 6/in. The applicant's name should be included in the top left margin
- A curriculum vitae (CV) in any format (2 pages maximum)
- Full academic transcripts

#### From the applicant's supervisor

- A brief email or letter acknowledging that they are aware of the application and that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria

#### From two referees

- A reference letter from each commenting on the applicant's research abilities and achievements

### **Adjudication Panel**

- To be convened by the Chair of the Canadian Bee Research Fund
- The panel will consist of the Directors of the Canadian Bee Research Fund, representing two academic/governmental/regulatory representatives from the Canadian bee research community and two industry representatives (Canadian Honey Council). The Directors may choose to add members to the adjudication panel as needed
- All members of the panel must not be in conflict with any of the applicants, as defined by the current standards set by NSERC, and recuse themselves from consideration of applicants for whom there is a conflict of interest.

### **Selection Rubric:**

Academic Excellence (out of 10)

- A minimum sessional average of 75% or higher with no failed courses in the year prior
- Transcripts should be a demonstration of academic excellence and show growth in academic achievement
- Has scholarships and/or awards currently, or previously awarded
- Strength of CV - presentations given, work or volunteer experience in field, etc.

Letters of Reference (2x) (out of 10 each)

- Academic references should reflect that the student has attained academic achievement
- Academic and professional letters should reflect on student's potential to contribute to bee research in Canada

Research Potential (out of 20)

- Relevance of work experience and academic training to the field of proposed research
- Research experience and achievements relative to the expectations of someone with the candidate's academic experience

Total possible score is out of 50. Submit all documents by e-mail to Dr. Olav Rueppell, Chairperson CBRF, Professor, Faculty of Science - Biological Sciences, University of Alberta email: olav@ualberta.ca