

# Frequently Asked Questions:

Q1: When and where are the 2021 NAPB Annual Meetings?

A1: August 15 -19, 2021, Ithaca, NY, hosted by Cornell University, but it will likely be a virtual meeting due to Covid-19.

Q2: Who should apply for NAPB Borlaug Scholarships?

A2: Upper-level undergraduates heading toward graduate school, and advanced level graduate students (enrolled at U.S. institutions) seeking career growth opportunities; who strongly desire to and can, if selected, attend the 2021 NAPB Annual Meeting; who have a demonstrated research and career interest in pursuing plant breeding, in the broadest sense, as a professional career.

Q3: When can we apply?

A3: The self-nomination window is open from January 7 - March 18, 2021.

Q4: Where do I apply for an NAPB Borlaug Scholarship?

A4: Apply [here](#) for upper-level undergraduate students

Apply [here](#) for advanced graduate students

Q5: What does a Borlaug Scholarship include?

A5: Borlaug Scholars will receive travel funds, free meeting registration, student annual membership in NAPB if not previously a member, recognition in appropriate media and in person during the conference, networking opportunities, scientific learning, soft skills training opportunities, and a personal professional mentor during and following the annual meetings to help enrich the total experience. Also, there is an opportunity to present personal research in the poster session.

Q6: I just learned about NAPB. How can I join NAPB?

A6: Our website is [www.plantbreeding.org](http://www.plantbreeding.org).

Q7: This is an excellent program to help students and the plant breeding scientific community! How can I get involved?

A7: As a member of NAPB, you should encourage experienced and worthy students to apply for Borlaug Scholarships. Seasoned professional members should consider volunteering as mentors by entering their profile in our mentor data base: mentors click [here](#). Seasoned mentors are welcome to participate in the selection and program planning committee.

Q8: Scholarships require significant funding. How can I donate to the NAPB Borlaug Scholars ASF Fund?

A8: You may donate online using your credit card: Click on this [link](#).

Q9: I represent an institution or organization willing to contribute to the NAPB Borlaug Scholars Fund. Who should I contact to donate?

A9: You may contact Donn Cummings, Past Chair NAPB Borlaug Scholars Committee at 765-438-0359 or by email at [donncummings1@gmail.com](mailto:donncummings1@gmail.com) to discuss your plans and arrange your contribution. Your institution will be appropriately recognized for their participation.

Read profiles about our Class of 2020 Borlaug Scholars using this [link](#) and see who mentored each. This class was comprised of 16 graduate and 2 undergraduate students.

In addition to recognition at the 2020 NAPB Annual Meeting, scholars were highlighted in SeedWorld, at the ASTA Conference, and on social media. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, two mentoring sessions were held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2020 with scholars, mentors, and special guests to discuss topics of interest to participants.

### **2020 Borlaug Scholars and Mentors**

- Clayton Carley - Iowa State University, Klaus Koehler
- Tia Dunbar - Texas A&M University, Ksenija Gasic
- Christina Finegan - University of Florida, Peggy Ozias-Akins
- Jenna Hershberger - Cornell University, Allen Van Deynze
- Brittany Jones - Montana State University, Duke Pauli
- Natalie Kaiser - Michigan State University, Sarah Potts
- Saarah Kuzay - University of California - Davis, Roy Cantrell
- Ammani Kyanam - Texas A&M University, Jodi Scheffler
- Chandler Levison - University of Georgia, Hannah Senior
- Kathryn Michel - University of Wisconsin, Amy Lezzoni



- William Singer- Virginia Tech University, Richard Pratt
- Nikayla Strauss - Washington State University, Jennifer Yates
- Ella Taagen - Cornell University, David Bubeck
- David Tork - University of Minnesota, Donn Cummings
- Cassandra Winn - Iowa State University, Amanda Hulse-Kemp
- Zara York - Washington State University, Julie Dawson
- Abelina Jackson (UG) - University of California - Davis, Bo Zhang
- Hallie Longest (UG) - Iowa State University, Virginia Sikes