

USDA-NIFA PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT AWARDS for 2010

Ten (10) professional enhancement awards, valued at \$500 each, have been made available by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA-NIFA) to support students to attend the 2010 US-IALE conference in Athens, Georgia.

TO APPLY*, students are to submit all application materials *as a single document* (either Word or PDF):

1. The attached application form

2. A cover letter (*ONE page*) containing:

- A short description of the student's graduate research and relevance to landscape ecology, especially managed ecosystems or managed landscapes;
- A brief summary of the student's professional goals;
- A brief statement about how this award will benefit the student's graduate studies.

3. A copy of the student's abstract that was submitted to the meeting

4. A short (*ONE page*) Curriculum Vitae.

Within three weeks following the conference award recipients are required to submit a short (1-2 paragraph) summary of their experiences at the meeting. This information is important for obtaining award sponsorship for future years.

All USDA-NIFA award applications are due to Anita Morzillo, US-IALE Awards Committee Chair, at USIALE.Awards.2010@gmail.com by **15 December 2009**. Awardees will be notified in late January 2010.

Note: USDA-NIFA awardees are *not* eligible to receive NASA-MSU Professional Enhancement Awards or CHANS Fellowships during the same conference year. Students who are interested in applying to the NASA-MSU Awards Program (<http://www.csis.msu.edu/NASA-MSU.htm>) or CHANS Fellowships (http://www.csis.msu.edu/CHANS_Fellowship.htm) must submit a separate application, following the submission guidelines for the NASA-MSU Awards or CHANS Fellowships. Students who received a US-IALE sponsored student travel award in 2009 are not eligible to receive a USDA-NIFA award.

**Please strictly adhere to all directions when preparing and submitting all application materials. Preference will be given to US-IALE members. To join US-IALE or renew membership, please visit <http://www.usiale.org/index.php?id=membership>*

**USDA-NIFA PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT AWARDS for 2010
APPLICATION FORM**

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION (*Please PRINT or TYPE*)

Name (*Last, First*): _____

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Citizenship (*check one*): _____ U.S. _____ U.S. Permanent Resident _____ Other (_____)

Degree (*check one*): _____ Ph.D. _____ Master's _____ Bachelor's _____ Other (_____)

US-IALE Member (*check one*): _____ Yes _____ No

II. ENDORSEMENT BY APPLICANT AND MAJOR ADVISOR

APPLICANT:

By completing this application I certify that I acknowledge and understand the responsibilities associated with receiving this award. I understand that: (*please initial each item to acknowledge*)

_____ Receipt of this award is contingent upon my attendance at the US-IALE conference for the given year.

_____ I am expected to attend the conference banquet. I have checked the date and time of the banquet. My travel arrangements to and from the conference will allow for my attendance at the banquet.

_____ Following the conference, I will submit electronically to Anita Morzillo (USIALE.Awards.2010@gmail.com) a short (1-2 paragraph) summary of my experiences at the conference and how the award benefitted my graduate school process.

Applicant's Signature

Date

MAJOR ADVISOR:

I have reviewed and support this application for a USDA-NIFA Award.

Name (*Please PRINT or TYPE*)

Signature

Email

Date