

## Programs Supporting Minority Scholars

### *Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) Recognition Travel Awards*

The MAC recognition travel award fully funds participation in ASPB's annual conference by those who would not otherwise be able to attend. Currently funded by ASPB to the tune of almost \$25,000, the program spans the K-graduate spectrum; however its emphasis is on individuals who are themselves minority scholars and/or who are training students at minority serving institutions (MSIs.)

### *ASPB Travel Awards*

For many years, ASPB has competitively awarded up to 70 \$500 grants to members who need travel support to attend the Society's annual conference and who are presenting posters or talks at that meeting.

### *Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF)*

ASPB's SURF awards provide a total of \$4,000 in research, stipend, and facilities support for ASPB member undergraduate students and their ASPB member faculty mentors.

The pool of available funds – 15 awards will be made in 2006 – will be disbursed according to the ratio of applications from MSIs and other primarily undergraduate institutions versus major research institutions.

### *The ASPB Diversity Bank*

A work in progress, ASPB's Diversity Bank aims to quickly become a valuable resource for minority scientists interested in plant biology as it facilitates connections among scholars at MSIs and major research institutions and integrates information on funding and other opportunities.

### *Visiting Professorships*

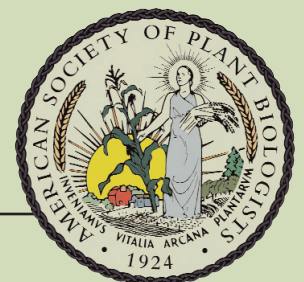
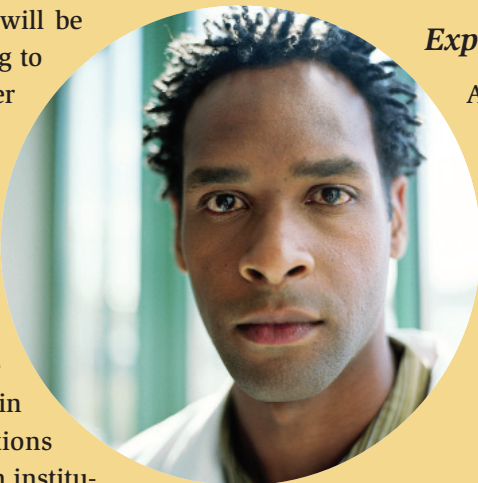
MAC will aggressively promote – and through the Diversity Bank, actively facilitate – the funding of supplements to existing NSF awards that will allow junior faculty from MSIs to create research partnerships with established plant biologists at major research universities. Such partnerships might include paid summer research fellowships, which could include summer salary and supply monies, as well as other forms of support.

### *Regional Conferences*

MAC is pursuing funding to support regional 2-day scientific and professional-development conferences in areas in which there are concentrations of MSIs. The objectives are to support and encourage plant biology research at MSIs; to catalyze connections between MSI scholars and those at larger institutions nearby; and, through grantwriting and other workshops, foster the professional development of MSI faculty.

### *Expert Seminar Series*

ASPB will assume the costs of accomplished investigators to give seminars at MSIs and to visit with MSI faculty and students.



## *Keep Me Informed of Programs Supporting Minority Scholars*

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Institution \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

K-12 Student     Undergraduate Student (major \_\_\_\_\_)

Graduate Student     Postdoc     Faculty     Administrator

I am:

Latino/Hispanic     White     Black or African American     American Indian and Alaska Native

Asian     Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander     Other \_\_\_\_\_

*I am interested in learning more about (please check all that apply):*

**Membership in ASPB** (*rates are \$45 for students, \$65 for postdocs, \$115 for regular members*)

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