# ASPT CVD Travel Award 2018

Supporting early-career botanical scientists to attend Congressional Visits Day in Washington, DC

**Applications due February 16, 2018**

The ASPT Environmental and Public Policy Committee (EPPC) invites applications for the annual **ASPT CVD Travel Grant**. **This award provides up to $750 to be reimbursed for expenses such as transportation, room, and board for one early-career botanist to attend the Congressional Visits Day (CVD) in Washington, D.C.,** held **17–18 April 2018.**

**Congressional Visits Day** is a two-day event hosted by the Biological and Ecological Sciences Coalition. The first day includes a training session on science funding and how to effectively communicate with policymakers. The second day participants meet with their Congressional policymakers to advocate for federal support of scientific research. For more details see: http://www.aibs.org/public-policy/congressional_visits_day.html.

To read about award recipients' past experiences through the BSA sister award, see p. 96 of this issue of the Plant Science Bulletin: http://cms.botany.org/file.php?file=SiteAssets/publications/psb/issues/PSB-2015-61-3.pdf

The award is open to all ASPT members, but preference will be given to those who are in the first two years of a permanent position, postdocs, and students (graduate or undergraduate). Applicants must also be U.S. citizens.

For questions about the award, email Andrew Pais (ASPT EPPC Awards officer, alpais@ncsu.edu) or Ingrid Jordon-Thaden (ASPT EPPC Chair, jordonthaden@wisc.edu)

**Application requirements:**

1) State your name, career stage, current affiliation, and email address.
2) Why are you interested in becoming involved in public policy?
3) How will attending Congressional Visits Day impact your career?
4) Give an example of botanically related research in your (current) home state that represents a good investment of federal funding. How do the results of that research benefit your state (e.g., impacts on education, the environment, and the economy, including number of jobs created)?
5) Recipients will write a summary of their experience to be published in the Plant Science Bulletin.

Applications should be submitted as a PDF, no more than two pages single spaced, and emailed to Andrew Pais (alpais@ncsu.edu) with subject line "2018 ASPT CVD Travel Award."

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