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Dear Friends, Professors and Researchers,

Please distribute and post this exciting and unique scholarship Announcement:

2019 USA PAm-Costco Scholar Fellowship Awards for Honey Bee Health

Scholarship: In 2013 Costco and Project *Apis m.* (PAm) launched the first PAm-Costco Scholar Fellowship Program. Costco has an admirable [commitment to sustainability](#), and is a champion supporter of honey bee research, recognizing it as an investment to ensure an ethical and sustainable food supply.

Investing in research that has real and practical impacts on the sustainability of honey bee health, honey production and crop production is the foundation of the PAm-Costco partnership. Sustainability is often defined in terms of resource management, but another component of sustainability is developing intellectual expertise by supporting those who will help solve problems in the future: tomorrow's bee scientists. The students who receive this PhD Fellowship award bring new energy, ideas, and expertise to the fold of scientists pushing the edges of bee health research across the globe. This award is an investment in the next generation of leaders to innovate and support beekeepers and pollinators.

The [PAm-Costco Scholar Fellowship Program](#) in the USA and Canada has awarded over \$550,000 to impressive up-and-coming bee researchers who are committed to a better future for bees. These scholars have already made significant contributions and important discoveries through their research, been recognized with awards of merit, published peer-reviewed academic articles, and continue with dedication to solve the mysteries and challenges that bees and beekeepers face. The PAm-Costco Scholar Fellowship Program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students to pursue research-based doctoral degrees in fields within the Project *Apis m.* mission of enhancing honey bee health while improving crop production.

Program: Open to candidates within a Ph.D. program in any Agriculture, Apiculture or Entomology department in the United States. The PAm-Costco Scholar will be involved in a clearly identifiable and defined bee health issue.

Qualifications: Candidates must have a B.S. or M.S. degree in a science or agriculture-related field. It is preferable the candidate have some working experience with bees, and published papers in apiculture. The individual must demonstrate potential for significant achievements in honey bee health science and research, and a commitment to working in the field of honey bee research after completing graduate work.

Financial Support: Up to three years continuous support for graduate education and research will be

provided in annual increments up to \$50,000, based on qualifications and need. In cases where a student is already receiving financial awards, the award amount will be determined on a case by case basis.

Application Deadline: Monday, May 6, 2019, 11:59 pm EST.

Contact: To apply, please follow the attached format or visit our website at www.ProjectApism.org/rfps.html. For additional information, contact Sarah Yaddaw at Sarah@ProjectApism.org. No phone calls.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Downey', written in a cursive style.

Danielle Downey
Executive Director, Project Apis m.