



Project Apis m.

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**PAM – COSTCO (CANADA)
PH.D. FELLOWSHIP FOR HONEY BEE HEALTH
APPLICATION**

Scholarship: Project Apis m. (PAm) and Costco (Canada) Wholesale Corporation have collaborated to sponsor a competitive scholarship program for a Ph.D. - level graduate student in Canada. The purpose of the Costco Scholar Program is to ensure the continuity of honey bee health scientists and specialists in the academic and research world. The fellowship intends to develop and contribute to the sustainability of the beekeeping industry and assure its future contributions to agriculture, where many crops depend upon pollination for success. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who are, or will be, pursuing research-based doctoral degrees in fields within the Project Apis m. mission of enhancing colony health and improving crop production.

Program: Applicants must be accepted into a Ph.D. program in any Agriculture, Biology, Entomology or other related academic department in Canada, with at least three years study remaining. The PAm-Costco (Canada) Scholar must demonstrate potential for significant achievements in honey bee health science and research.

Financial Support: Three years' continuous support for graduate education and research will be provided in annual increments up to \$20,000 primarily designated for a graduate research assistantship stipend and tuition assistance. Some travel and supplies may be supported. The financial support is renewable annually, dependent on the student's performance, progress in the research project and fund availability. Student must be eligible to accept up to \$20,000/year to be awarded this scholarship.

Application Deadline: August 24, 2016. See "How to Apply" below.

Application Process: Applications must be submitted by the student and not the graduate advisor. Applications will undergo an initial screening for eligibility and reviewed by a qualified panel. The top applicants will be contacted for an interview. The final applicants will be interviewed by the PAm-Costco (Canada) team in at the Beekeeping Convention in Edmonton, Alberta, November, 2016. Interview attendance is mandatory. Please indicate your plans to attend that Beekeeping meeting in November: 1) yes, 2) no, 3) or undetermined.

Funding Availability: Funding will become available on or about November 20, 2016. One 3-year scholarship will be awarded in 2016.

Funding Requirements: The successful applicant will sign a written commitment with Project Apis m. that will require the following elements to receive funding:

1. Provide a report semi-annually to Project Apis m. on April 1 and October 1 of each funded year. The report will include funding objectives, progress toward objectives, milestones, impediments, and goals for the subsequent reporting period.

2. Annually present research at a national, regional, provincial or major beekeeper meeting.
3. Pursuit of Ph.D.- level education diligently and without unusual interruption.
4. Judicious and responsible use of funding.
5. Commitment of three consecutive years full-time equivalent to honey bee research upon attaining Ph.D.

Contact: For additional information, contact Jean Easley at Jean@ProjectApism.org.

How to Apply:

To apply, please follow these instructions:

1. Submit your application and attachments via email by **August 24, 2016, 5 pm PST** to Jean Easley at Jean@ProjectApism.org.
2. Submit your application in either doc, .docx, or .pdf format.
3. Applications submitted after **August 24, 2016, 5 pm PST** will not be considered.
4. Documents required:
 - A. Application (items 4-9 below not to exceed 350 words each). Use this number convention in your application:
 - 1) Name, address, phone, email
 - 2) Transcripts from undergrad and any grad work
 - 3) University information – for both graduate and undergraduate colleges provide college, academic department, major, overall GPA, research advisor name and their phone and email address
 - 4) University where student has been accepted or is currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program
 - 5) Proposed field of study and description of project(s) - please state your hypothesis, research objectives, and provide a brief description of how you will carry out your experiments (if known)
 - 6) Financial awards, requirements and proposed use of funding (if known)
 - 7) Career goals
 - 8) Prior beekeeping experience
 - 9) Personal statement about your interest in honey bee health
 - 10) Contributions you have made to honey bee health science (research, studies, publications, presentations)
 - B. Curriculum vitae
 - C. Letters of Recommendation
Submit two: one must be from the graduate advisor, not to exceed 1 page each
 - D. Other documents
Other documents may be considered; however, they should be carefully chosen and directly related to the application
5. Use the following file naming conventions for the submitted documents
 - A. Application - [Lastname_Firstname_Application]
 - B. Curriculum vitae – [Lastname_Firstname_CV]
 - C. Recommendations – [Lastname_Firstname_Recommnd1,..2]
 - D. Other documents – [Lastname_Firstname_Name of Document]
6. Other documents supplied upon request.