The David Miller Travel Bursary Award aims to give one young plant scientists or horticulturists the opportunity of overseas or domestic travel in connection with their horticultural careers.

We understand that the global situation with the Covid-19 pandemic remains volatile and subject to rapid change and therefore that travel plans are still subject to great uncertainty. We aim to be as flexible and pragmatic as possible in supporting the chosen award winner, and will continue to recognise excellence with the David Miller Travel Bursary Awards. There are therefore no constraints to timing of travel. We will work with the award winner on a case by case basis, recognising the excellence of their project and application in the most appropriate way for the individual proposal, however their intended plans evolve in the coming months/year.

Applicants should be in the second or final year of a higher education qualification (BSc, HND, Kew Diploma etc) or studying for an MSc or PhD and should be students registered for courses in the UK or the Republic of Ireland.

Applications should consist of a maximum 500 word statement on the purpose to which the award will be put. The award is intended to supplement, rather than wholly finance, a journey.

Eligible submissions will include proposals on any topic related to horticulture in its broadest sense. Plant science proposals are eligible provided they have a relevance to horticulture; i.e. the applicant’s work is on a horticultural crop (edible or ornamental) or the relevance of the work to horticultural crops is made clear. Applications will be judged on the statement only; CV, references, costings and other sponsors are not required.

TO APPLY GO TO: www.soci.org/awards/travel-bursaries/david-miller-award

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Within six weeks of the completion of their Travel Plan, the recipient must submit a report describing the work carried out with the aid of the award. The recipient will receive a £500 travel grant, a year’s Student Membership of SCI®, and a year’s Eden Project Membership, and will be admitted to the Society of Chemical Industry College of Scholars.

Award winners will be invited to give a talk on their travel and project at the annual David Miller Award event which will be held at SCI® Headquarters in Belgrave Square, London in October this year (date TBC).