



2019 Application Guidelines

Application deadline is 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time, November 8, 2019

1. Name of the Award

Art Bomke Undergraduate Student Award in Soil Science (One \$3,000 award per year as a student stipend)

2. Eligibility

- Open to Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents in Canada, and International students
- Candidate must be a PRSSS member
- Candidate must be registered full-time in an undergraduate program at any British Columbia post-secondary institution in the area of soil science (agriculture, agroecology, forestry, resource management, environmental science, geology, geography or other related disciplines)
- Candidate must have taken or be taking at least one course in soil science
- Candidate must be enrolled for at least one full semester, after the award is given, to conduct the research
- Previous recipients of the award are not eligible for subsequent awards

3. Selection Criteria

Selection of the awardee will be based entirely on the information provided as part of the application. The applications will be evaluated on the following criteria (not placed in order of importance):

- Academic achievement and area of study
- Research proposal
- Leadership and community service
- Financial need
- Communication skills
- Letters of recommendation

3.1. Description of the selection criteria (Maximum points possible: 100)

Academic Achievement and Area of Study (30 points total)

- Academic results (*10 points maximum*)
- Honors / Awards (*10 points maximum*)
- Explain how previous coursework and academic/research experiences will support the implementation of the proposed research and are directly related to soil science or the related sciences (*10 points maximum*)

Research Proposal (30 points total)

- Clear research proposal with a description of the research objectives and methods
(10 points maximum)
- Explain how the proposed research is relevant to the field of soil science
(10 points maximum)
- Significance of the research in terms of the advancement or application of soil science
(10 points maximum)

Leadership and Community Service (15 points total)

- Activities that demonstrate community involvement and leadership. Explain the relevance of the activities to the applicant's personal development and future career interests *(10 points maximum)*
- Relevance of the activities to soil science and how these experiences may help the implementation of the proposed research *(5 points maximum)*

Financial Need (10 points total)

- Demonstrate financial need and explain how this award will contribute to the applicant's ability to conduct the research *(10 points maximum)*

Communication Skills (5 points total)

- Application is well articulated, free of grammatical errors, concise, and clearly addresses the selection criteria *(5 points maximum)*

Letters of Recommendation (10 points total)

- Up to 2 letters of recommendation can be provided *(10 points maximum)*

4. Deliverables

A detailed project report (10 pages maximum) outlining the findings of the research must be submitted within 12 months from the commencement of the award. The report should be of sufficient quality and suitability for distribution via PRSSS website and newsletters.

5. How to apply

1. Email your application package as a single PDF file (except reference letters) to prssemail@gmail.com with the subject line ‘Application for Art Bomke Award – (your first & last name)’. Name the PDF file as ‘Art_Bomke_Award_(your first & last name)’. The application package should include:
 - 1-2 page (maximum) description of the research that will be undertaken or currently being conducted
 - A half-page (maximum) description of the how the applicant’s coursework and academic/research experiences will support the implementation of the proposed research and are directly related to soil science or the related sciences
 - A half-page (maximum) description of the leadership and community services
 - A half-page (maximum) description demonstrating the financial need
 - Unofficial transcripts showing grades of all the current and previous undergraduate courses
 - CV (maximum 3 pages) listing educational and work experience, publications (if any), honours and awards
2. Formatting: 12 point, Times New Roman font, 1.5 line spacing, and 2.54 cm margins **must be** used.
3. Reference letter(s) should be emailed directly by the referee(s) to prssemail@gmail.com

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