



NEW!

Crop Sciences Scholarships Available at Southern Illinois University & University of Illinois



New scholarships for the study of crop sciences are now available to incoming and transfer undergraduate students, as well as to graduate students, thanks to a cooperative effort between the Illinois Soybean Association and departments at both Southern Illinois University Carbondale and the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. For details pertaining to your university of interest, read the information provided below.

Real-world job opportunities for the Crop Science degree abound, ranging from crop production specialists who provide field consultation, to plant breeders, and scientists using biotechnology and molecular techniques to develop new genetic traits for soybean growth and end products. Beginning salaries for graduating bachelor-degree level crop scientists range from \$35,000 to \$90,000 annually, depending on the area of production or research selected.



Illinois Soybean Association Crop Production Scholarship Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Transfer students and four-year students new to the Plant and Soil Science curricula at Southern Illinois University are invited to apply to the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) Crop Production Scholarship Program.

Requirements include:

- The student must be new and entering the Bachelor of Science degree program in Crop, Soil, and Environmental Management with a specialization in Crop Production and Management.
- Only students who apply for the Heritage Scholarship Program in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Southern Illinois University Carbondale will be eligible.
- A 24 composite ACT score or a 2.75 transfer grade point average are the minimum requirements.
- Participation will require faculty-supervised research work, and may include compensation as an undergraduate employee supervised by crop production faculty members.

SIUC crop production faculty will screen and select qualified applicants from those applying for the Heritage Scholarship. Top candidates will interview with crop production faculty and ISA grower representatives on the SIUC campus, with interviews completed by March 15 and recipients identified by April 1.

The Scholarship

Multiple undergraduate scholarships will be awarded annually with a two-year commitment (transfer students with a degree from a community college) or four-year commitment (incoming freshman) of funding for each student. Transfer students will receive up to \$3,000 as juniors, up to \$2,000 as seniors and up to \$5,000 total. Incoming students will receive up to \$4,000 as freshmen, up to \$2,000 for sophomore through senior years, and up to \$10,000 total over the course of four years. Scholarship continuation is contingent upon academic performance and work experience performance.

**For additional information contact Bryan Young,
Professor of Weed Science, at (618) 453-7679,
or visit <http://coas.heritagescholarship.siu.edu>.**



SIUC
Apply by
January 31, 2010

UIUC
Apply by
January 15, 2010
(incoming freshmen)

March 1, 2010
(Transfer students)



Crop Science Careers

Crop science career opportunities abound, and starting salaries range from \$35,000 to \$90,000 annually. A few examples from real-life job posts include:

Agronomist/ Crop Biologist

Plan, initiate and coordinate data collection, analysis and reports for scientific experiments in agronomy and plant character assessment. Help employer ensure research quality, as well as compliance with regulatory requirements.

Research Scientist

Lead research programs to develop new plant phenotype technologies including agronomic traits such as drought tolerance. Develop plant technologies through transgenic solutions and/or targeted breeding. Areas of research to include plant water use efficiency, insect protection and herbicide tolerance.

Crop Specialist

Contact targeted customers and prospects to market seed, plant food, crop protection, and agronomic services that enhance the producer's goals and profitability. Use problem solving skills and solutions to resolve on-farm agronomic issues through precision farming and crop scouting.

Nursery Lead

Coordinate and lead nursery operations across several geographic sites for a multi-national agro-chemical company. Help effectively manage and implement cutting-edge nursery-based research, leading a team of talented research scientists developing genetically modified crops. Oversee staff, research and budgets while developing a vision and programming for future research.



Illinois Soybean Association Scholarship Program University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Incoming freshmen and transfer students (from community colleges, other four-year institutions, or from other departments within the University of Illinois) who are entering the University of Illinois, Department of Crop Sciences are eligible to apply for acceptance into the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) Scholarship Program.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- For incoming freshmen, an ACT of 28 or higher
- For incoming transfer students (internal or external), a GPA of 3.40 or higher
- Have a demonstrated interest in the field of crop sciences
- Incoming freshmen and off-campus transfer students must submit an application for admission into the University of Illinois, specifying a major in Crop Sciences, by January 2, 2010 for freshmen, and March 1, 2010 for transfer students (see <http://admissions.illinois.edu/>).
- Internal transfer students (from within the University of Illinois) must fulfill requirements and follow procedures to transfer into the Department of Crop Sciences for entry in the fall 2010 semester (see <http://futurestudents.aces.illinois.edu/transfer/ict>).

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of representatives from the College of Agriculture, Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences, UIUC, and the Illinois Soybean Association. Selected applicants will be interviewed during the early portion of the Spring 2010 semester, and award recipients will be determined following the interview process.

The Scholarship

Illinois Soybean Association Scholars will be awarded \$12,000 during their first year, followed by \$10,000 per year for up to three additional years if renewal criteria are met. To help reduce the cost of tuition, recipients will receive additional assistance worth up to \$8,000 over four years, thus bringing the total potential value of the scholarship to \$50,000 over four years. Scholarships may be used for tuition, fees and other educational expenses.

Renewal criteria include maintaining at least a 3.40 GPA. Additionally, Illinois Soybean Association Scholars will be expected to meet at least annually with members of the Illinois Soybean Association board.

For additional information and an application form, call Jason Emmert, Assistant Dean of Academic Programs, at (217)-244-4540 or visit one of the websites listed above.

