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Scott Arboretum: Curricular Grants Available for Swarthmore Faculty

The Scott Arboretum curricular grants, made possible by the Janet Jones '61 Scott Arboretum Campus Engagement Endowment Fund, are offered as support to faculty developing assignments, projects, or entire courses that include research, writing, discussion, reading, activities, and laboratory sessions on topics related to ornamental plants, living museum management, and the mission of the Scott Arboretum.

Grants offer honoraria of \$500-\$1,500 to support the development of an assignment or an entire new course that promotes awareness, knowledge, or engagement with horticulture, plants, and the Scott Arboretum's collections and gardens. Grants may also be extended to help with honoraria for visiting speakers tied to a class or for student research assistantships.

Proposals are welcome (via google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13OVCjP8fOYq_-QHPOfUcp_1Os-mO7MJAXS9XrSmE0w/edit) from all disciplines across academic departments and programs, and interested professors/instructors are free to write in advance to receive feedback regarding the suitability of their idea before submitting a proposal (upon submitting an application please notify: Scott Arboretum Director Claire Sawyers at csawyer1@swarthmore.edu or Campus Engagement Coordinator Sue MacQueen at smacquel@swarthmore.edu).

All categories of Swarthmore College for-credit course instructors are eligible to apply.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, evaluated as received and awarded until the available funds are exhausted as budgeted for the fiscal year. The director of the Scott Arboretum, as administrator of the Janet Jones '61 Scott Arboretum Campus Engagement fund, will review and determine awards working with a committee of members of the arboretum staff, pending subject matter. Incentive grants will be dispersed at the conclusion of the semester in which the course is taught. Grants to pay for outside speakers and/or vendors or materials will be dispersed to departmental budgets at the appropriate time.

Requirements:

Awardees will outline their work (on Works: <https://works.swarthmore.edu/dev-scottgrants/>) to share their developed assignments along with related course syllabi.

The mission of the Scott Arboretum is to delight, educate, and inspire visitors to enjoy the many benefits of horticulture; to encourage horticulture in its broadest sense; and to provide a visual demonstration of trees, shrubs and flowers that are appropriate to the region.