

**ANTON LANG AWARDS FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Each spring semester the Plant Research Lab hosts a special seminar in honor of the lab's founding director, Anton Lang. In conjunction with the seminar, awards are made to a **graduate student** and a **postdoctoral research associate** who exemplify the research excellence, ideals, dedication and vision of Anton Lang. Each recipient will receive a cash award and a gift. The names of the speaker and the two award winners are engraved on the plaque that hangs outside the Anton Lang Conference Room.

The PRL Personnel Affairs Committee (PAC) is now soliciting nominations for the **graduate student** and **postdoctoral research associate** awards. Research excellence is the primary criterion. Other scholarly activities may also be considered. Postdoctoral and graduate student awardees will be selected on the basis of research carried out while at MSU. **Awards will be presented by the PRL Director at a reception immediately preceding the Anton Lang Memorial lecture, which is given during the Molecular Plant Sciences Program seminar series (April 20, 2026).**

Eligibility: Nominees must **currently be active in plant science research at Michigan State University**. Nominations for student and postdoctoral awards should consist of a nomination letter from the nominee's research mentor, the curriculum vitae of the nominee, and any supplemental material deemed appropriate by the person making the nomination. Supplemental materials may include: reprints, letters of support from colleagues at MSU, and other documentation of research excellence and scholarly activities.

Nominations should be submitted electronically as a single PDF file to the Chair of the PAC Jianping Hu (huji@msu.edu) by February 27, 2026.