

**NORMAN R. AND JESSIE A. THOMPSON ENDOWMENT
in CROP AND SOIL SCIENCES**

The Norman R. and Jessie A. Thompson Endowment in Crop and Soil Sciences was established in 2010 by Dr. Norman R. and Jessie A. Thompson. Norman is an MSU alumnus and professor emeritus in the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences. Both Norman and Jessie are greatly indebted to Michigan State University and wish to leave a legacy to support further research. While Norman specifically focused his research in potato genetics and sees the value and benefit of continuing this research, he also sees the need for advances in other field and forage crops. Norman and Jessie are therefore making this gift to recognize the past while benefiting future generations.

It is the intent of the Donors that this endowment be used to support undergraduate and graduate student research in the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences. Funds must be used to support undergraduate and/or graduate research in plant genetics, specifically related to field or forage crops, with preference given to potato genetics research. Awards may include, but are not limited to: undergraduate research assistantships, scholarships, graduate fellowships, and funds for travel or other research related expenses. For the academic year 2015-2016, the award amount will be up to \$5,000, and shall be credited during the tuition payment process for Fall semester 2015.

Proposals and nominations should be no more than two pages in length and should include the following:

- Name
- Degree objective, area of study, and GPA
- Description of the request, including budget
- Brief statement of support from Major Professor
- Names of two individuals familiar with the work/project

The Norman and Jessie Thompson Endowed Scholarship in Crop and Soil Sciences Award Committee will select the award recipient based on the following criteria:

- Scholarship/quality of science
- Programmatic need
- Potential to enhance research experience

All recipients will be required to make appropriate acknowledgment to the donors, sent to:

Norman and Jessie Thompson
23-31 Woodward Avenue
London, ON N6H 2G6, Canada

Proposals must be submitted to: Sandie Litchfield, A286-D PSSB, Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences, by 5:00 p.m. on February 20, 2015. Awards will be announced on or after April 1, 2015.