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TO: Chairs, Associate Chairs, Program Heads, School Directors and Graduate Studies Committee Chairs

FROM: Steven A. Slack, Director

SUBJECT: **2012 Charles E. Thorne Memorial Associateship**

This memorandum announces the continuation of the 2012 Competition for the OARDC "Charles E. Thorne Memorial Associateship" program. Funds will be available this coming year to award a \$18,000 Associateship in memory of Charles E. Thorne, the Director of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station from 1887-1921. A copy of the announcement is attached.

The award will be for one year to support a M.S. or Ph.D. candidate at OSU who is in her/his **THIRD** or succeeding year of their graduate studies at OSU. Nominees must be working on a thesis/dissertation project administered through OARDC and who are working under the direction of a faculty member having an OARDC appointment. Each academic unit which receives funding through OARDC may submit one candidate for consideration.

We are requesting that prospective faculty advisors submit a letter of support indicating how the associateship's research will support one or more of the College priority areas. I am asking that the OARDC Krauss Awards Committee select the associateships from one of the four areas of the FAES ecological pyramid (Social Responsibility, Economic Viability, Production Efficiency and Environmental Compatibility).

Please circulate this memorandum to members of your faculty having OARDC appointments who would have potential applicants. Also, please coordinate with your graduate studies committee or other appropriate group to provide not more than one

nominee per unit. The Krauss Awards Committee will review the candidates and select the recipient.

If an OSU fellowship is received, the OARDC Charles Thorne Memorial Associateship can be deferred until the following year.

Deadline for receipt of nominations will be by **5 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2012.** Send seven copies of each nomination to the OARDC Director's Office at either the Wooster or Columbus campus, attention Steve Slack.

C: Krauss Awards Committee

The Ohio State University
Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center
Charles E. Thorne Memorial Associateship

This Associateship was created through an endowment from Virginia Ryan to honor the memory of her grandfather, Charles E. Thorne, first Director of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station from 1887-1921.

Eligibility: Open to students (1) who, in 2012, will be enrolled in their **THIRD** or succeeding years of M.S. or Ph.D. programs at The Ohio State University, (2) whose thesis or dissertation research is on a project administered by the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) and (3) who are working under the direction of a faculty member having an OARDC appointment.

Duration of Appointment: One year; succeeding year(s) of appointment to be paid by student's home department.

Stipend: \$18,000; if departmental graduate associateship stipend is higher than that amount, supplement will be paid by student's home department.

Application Requirements:

1. Nomination Cover Page.
2. University transcripts. A GPA of 3.6 or higher on a scale of 4 is desirable.
3. Letter of recommendation from student's thesis advisor.
4. One or two page statement (typed, single spaced) from the student describing her/his research and professional goals and research accomplishments to date.
5. A curriculum vitae outlining the applicant's graduate program, relevant work experiences, honors, and other evidence of scholarly productivity and performance (e.g. publications) is recommended.
6. Letter from prospective faculty advisor on how student associateship's research will contribute to one or more of the priority areas listed below.

Nomination and Evaluation Procedures: Graduate Studies Committee from departments (or schools) should nominate students by submitting seven copies of each nomination package to the OARDC Director's Office at either Columbus or Wooster campus, on or before **5 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2012**. Departments may nominate one candidate and can receive a maximum of one Thorne Memorial Associateship per

year. The prospective faculty advisor should hold an OARDC appointment and should be specified in the letter of nomination. Also, the prospective faculty advisor should indicate how the student's research will contribute to one or more of the following priority areas:

1. Social Responsibility
2. Production Efficiency
3. Economic Viability
4. Environmental Compatibility

Nominations will be evaluated by the Krauss Awards Committee. The target date for a final announcement for the award is approximately **March 26, 2012**.

Nomination Cover Page
Charles E. Thorne Memorial Associateship

Nominating Department or School: _____

Nominee: _____

The nominee is currently enrolled in the ____ M.S. ____ Ph.D. program

Years in this program: ____ years

Graduate quarter credit hours completed at OSU: _____ hours

OARDC Faculty Advisor: _____

Thesis/Dissertation Research Title: _____

Checklist: This application contains the following, including this cover page.

____ College transcripts, OSU and previous institution(s)

____ Letter of recommendation from student's thesis advisor

____ One or two-page statement by the student describing his/her research and professional goals and research accomplishments to date

____ Letter from prospective faculty advisor on how student associateship research will contribute to one or more of the College priority areas.

____ A curriculum vitae for the applicant