

## The D.C. Kiplinger Floriculture Award of Distinction



A merit-based research assistantship is available at The Ohio State University for a Ph.D. student interested in studying the molecular regulation of important floriculture traits. The successful recipient of this award will join the Floriculture Molecular Biology laboratory in the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science and will be advised by a team of Floriculture faculty members. The student's dissertation research will focus on the molecular characterization and functional analysis of genes involved in the regulation of flower senescence. This research award will provide a unique opportunity for student's interested in Floriculture to learn basic techniques in molecular biology. The Kiplinger Scholar will spend a minimum of 3 months during their second year of graduate school conducting research at the Ball Horticultural Company. During this time they will work closely with their industry mentor on a project that complements their dissertation research. This opportunity will allow the student to gain valuable insight into research and development within the Floriculture Industry. The D.C. Kiplinger Floriculture Award of Distinction will provide the recipient with an annual stipend, tuition and fees for 4 years (an annual value of over \$35,000). This award will provide funds in years 2, 3 and 4 for travel to a scientific meeting to present dissertation results. This award is available for Summer/ Fall 2009 or until the position is filled. Interested students are encouraged to contact Dr. Michelle Jones at 330 263 3885 or by email at [jones.1968@osu.edu](mailto:jones.1968@osu.edu). Applicants for the D.C. Kiplinger Award of Distinction must have a B.S. or M.S. degree in Horticulture or a related field and have a minimum GPA of 3.2. All applicants must qualify for admission to the OSU graduate school and be admitted through the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science. The GRE is required. Admissions information for graduate studies in Horticulture and Crop Science can be found at <http://hcs.osu.edu/students/graduate/index.html>. Please indicate in your letter of intent why you are interested in the D.C. Kiplinger Floriculture Award of Distinction and describe any relevant experiences. Application to the graduate school can be made online at <http://gradadmissions.osu.edu/>.

