

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Drs. Hendrick, Duxbury, Finn, Esquith, and Long—Please distribute to your department chairs.

I invite you or any of your faculty to nominate graduate students for the C.S. Mott Pre-doctoral Fellowships in Sustainable Agriculture for the 2021-2022 academic year. These fellowships are intended for students beginning a Ph.D. program in the 2021-2022 academic year and engaging in research relevant to sustainable agriculture and food systems, broadly defined. For students who have already committed to attending, this is an offer to supplement/displace existing funding offers. There will be two to three fellowships of \$35,000 each awarded this year. The fellowship can be utilized any time during their graduate study, pending completion of a satisfactory annual report by July 1 of each year. Mott Fellows are required to participate in the Graduate Specialization in Ecological Food and Farming Systems (effs.msu.edu).

To nominate a student, the faculty member should send a copy of the student's graduate application package along with a memo concerning the student's probable dissertation area and relevance to sustainable agriculture. If a selected student either fails to enroll or withdraws from the university remaining, prorated funds are returned to the Fellowship Endowment for competitive distribution.



Nominations to be submitted electronically, and are due by February 26, 2021, and awards will be made March 12. Please send all nominations to Ms. Emma McNabb (ulrichem@msu.edu), Office Assistant to the C.S. Mott Chair, 312 Natural Resources, Department of CSUS. I can be reached at mhamm@msu.edu if you have any questions.

Thank you for your interest.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael W. Hamm".

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