

**S487 HANS JENNY SOIL FIELD TRIP AWARD COMMITTEE**A. Status: Special CommitteeB. Composition and Tenure:

The Committee consists of the Chair plus two additional committee members. One member will be selected from the Pedology division, one member from the Forest, Range & Wildland Soils division; and one additional member with land use experience.

The term of office for members is three years.

The Chair serves for one year and rotates among the committee members in this order: Pedology division representative, Forest, Range & Wildland Soils division representative, then member with land use experience.

C. Functions:

1. To encourage nominations for the Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award.
2. To become familiar with the Guidelines and Procedures for these awards and to be responsible that all nominations fulfill the required criteria of eligibility for the awards.
3. To evaluate nominations and to select the most outstanding applicant(s) for each award.

D. Procedure:

1. The SSSA Headquarters Office distributes the nominations to the Committee members (through access to the online awards system). The Chair transmits any special instructions to members via the online awards system and through electronic means.
2. The Chair of the S487 Committee submits an annual report as requested by the Society.

E. Presidential Responsibilities:

The SSSA President:

1. Appoints new members to replace those whose terms expire in consultation with the appropriate division.
2. Cooperates with the Committee in its activities, as appropriate or in response to need.
3. Notifies the Committee directly of all deadlines on award selection, annual report, etc.
4. Receives and takes action directly, or by referring to the SSSA Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors, as appropriate, all suggestions and/or recommendations for action from the Committee.

## The Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award

The Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award encourages encourage student participation in field trips offered at SSSA meetings by subsidizing their participation and/or providing travel scholarships. A secondary purpose, for future activities, is to encourage universities, agencies, etc. to organize field trips in connection with SSSA meetings by providing seed money for preparation when needed. If funds aren't sufficient to do both, student participation in field trips shall be the priority.

The fund is named for Hans Jenny, renowned scientist, and author of "Factors of Soil Formation", a well-known book. The

Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award was established by William McFee. Priorities will be for field trips related to pedology, geomorphology, forest and range soils, and land use.

**Expenditures:**

The President of SSSA will appoint a committee (Hans Jenny Fund Committee) to direct the distribution of available funds to eligible students for their field trip fees and/or to groups seeking assistance in planning such field trips.

1. Current graduate or undergraduate student members of SSSA will be eligible for field trip fees.
2. Institutions of higher learning, government agencies and not-for-profit scientific groups may apply for organizing support.

The Hans Jenny Fund Committee shall be selected from scientists with expertise in Pedology, Forest and Range Soils, and Land Use for three-year terms. The committee shall adjust allocation between the purposes as future conditions warrant, determining the amount available in a given year calculating the number of field trip fees the balance of the fund would cover and awarding it to the first qualified applicants. Application procedures will be established by the committee.

**Eligibility**

Undergraduate and graduate students will apply each year for this travel award and recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Stated interest in pedology, forest/range/wildland soils, land use or related interest.
2. Stated interest in that year's tour and how it will benefit them in their professional/academic development.
3. Attendance and presentation at the Annual Meeting.

**Evaluation**

For the first-year award no earlier than 2021, the Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award Committee will be formed sufficiently in advance of the Annual Meeting to administer the award. The recommendation to the committee will be to award travel grants to cover the full expense of the tour and related travel expenses (additional hotel night needed to participate but not travel expenses to get to the annual meeting). Award numbers and sized will be determined annually when tours are scheduled and confirmed for the Annual Meeting.