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## **Ceres Trust Funds \$2.8 Million in Organic Research Grants; Is Offering Same Competitive Grant Program Funding in 2011**

The Ceres Trust has announced that it will offer two competitive organic research grant programs again in 2011 to support both graduate students and organic research teams at universities and other nonprofit institutions in the 12-state North Central Region.

One is the Ceres Organic Research Initiative, which will make at least \$500,000 available again in 2011 to fund up to 10 proposals submitted by organic research teams from the region. The grants will support organic research projects for up to three years at up to \$60,000 a year.

The other is the Ceres Graduate Student Organic Research Program, which will make up to 10 grants of up to \$10,000 to support organic research conducted by graduate students enrolled in accredited colleges and universities in the region. Student applicants must coordinate and conduct their organic research projects with input from a faculty adviser identified in the proposal.

The Ceres Trust has made 29 grants totaling \$2,835,523 for the two competitive organic research programs over the last 15 months. This total includes \$77,206 for 10 graduate student grants and \$2,758,317 for 19 grants to organic research teams at nine land grant universities and one nonprofit research institution.

A Request for Applications (RFA) for the 2011 graduate student grant program will be posted March 1 on the Ceres Trust website ([www.thecerestrust.org](http://www.thecerestrust.org)). The deadline for applications is May 1, 2011. The grant awards will be announced in June. Request for Applications (RFA) for the 2011 Organic Research Initiative will be posted June 1 on the Ceres Trust website. Applications for this program will be due October 1, 2011, and grant decisions will be made in November.

Lists of the grants made by The Ceres Trust over the last 15 months are attached. The Ceres Trust is a privately-administered trust based in the Midwest. The states in the North Central Region are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

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