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Drought tolerance is an important trait for successful establishment and survival of an urban tree. In the study, "[Improving urban forest establishment, resilience and performance using trait-based tree selection](#)" Dr. Andrew Hirons of Myerscough College (UK) used a novel method to evaluate and quantify the drought tolerance of over 80 tree species. His work, funded in part by a Hyland R. Johns Grant, will help tree care professionals identify suitable trees for dry urban environments and play a role in encouraging nurseries to grow underutilized species.

Apply today for grants and scholarships at treefund.org.

The **NEW** \$15,000 Safe Arborist Techniques Fund Grant, a joint program of TREE Fund and ISA, supports original research that creates a safer work environment for people working in the tree care industry and the general public. Applications open February 13.

Now open and due April 1:

- [Hyland R. Johns Research Grant](#) (up to \$50,000)
- [TREE Fund Arboriculture Education Grant](#) (up to \$5,000)
- [Ohio Chapter ISA Arboriculture Education Grant](#) (up to \$5,000)
- [Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship](#) (\$3,000)



Open February 13 and due April 1:

- [Safe Arborist Techniques Fund Grant](#) (**NEW!** up to \$15,000)

Open February 15 and due May 15:

- [John Wright Memorial Scholarship](#) (\$2,000)

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- ACRT, Inc.
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Thank You!



What did they find? Read TREE Fund research published in 2016

An important part of TREE Fund's mission is to disseminate findings from the research we fund. Keep up with the latest – read the results of [TREE Fund projects published in 2016](#).

More knowledge and CEUs for you



TREE Fund is pleased to announce a new collaboration with Auburn University to offer additional free TREE Fund webinars in 2017! Utah



State University will continue to host two broadcasts, the first of which will feature Dr. Susan Day (Virginia Tech) on soil profile rebuilding on **June 21 at 2:00 pm (EDT)**. Visit treefund.org/webinars for the latest webinar schedule and to watch past broadcasts.



Full-Tour registration for the 2017 STIHL Tour des Trees is open!

Ride circles around your circle of tree friends and colleagues **July 30 to August 5, 2017**. Staging from the ISA Annual International Conference in National Harbor, MD, the 2017 Tour offers daily looped routes through Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., and one overnight in Gainesville, VA. Tour and conference participants can connect through special evening programming like the TREE Fund After Hours Silver Anniversary Tour Celebration and MAC-ISA Party hosted by Mid-Atlantic Chapter ISA! Get details and register for the ride at stihltourdestrees.org.



Nominate a TREE Fund volunteer for the Ken Ottman Outstanding Volunteer Award. Who do you think has gone “above and beyond” in advancing the TREE Fund’s mission? Find out how to submit a nomination between **February 15 and April 1** on [the TREE Fund website](http://theTREEFund.org).

Thank you for helping growth ring in the new year!

With your generous support, TREE Fund’s year-end appeal raised over \$30,000.



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