



Robert L. Zimdahl
Outstanding Graduate
Student Award in Pest Ecology

Eligibility: Any student who has completed at least one semester of graduate study at Colorado State University and is currently enrolled in a weed science graduate degree program (M.S. or Ph.D.) in the Department of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management or any student who is co-advised in their graduate program by a member of the Department of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management.

Criteria: The candidate should possess a dedication to the field of pest ecology. The candidate should also have demonstrated excellent academic achievement and exhibited high potential to contribute to science. This award is \$750.

Dr. Zimdahl was born in Buffalo, NY and received his BS in Dairy Husbandry and MS in Agronomy from Cornell University in New York. He went on to obtain his Ph.D. in Agronomy from Oregon State University. He then joined the faculty at CSU in 1968 and has led a productive and varied teaching and research career here at CSU and overseas.

Bob has had a major research program in weed management and herbicide chemical ecology with the production of many graduate students. Classes that he has taught for many years include "The biology and control of weeds, World Independence –Population and Food, and Agricultural Ethics". These three courses represent some of the major interests Bob has in the world, Weed Management, Feeding the world and the Ethics of Science.

Bob has always had a keen interest in foreign agriculture and culture and has acted on those interests with Fulbright tours, visiting professorships, and other international programs such as United Nations, FAO committees. He has worked and visited many countries including Turkey, Italy, Argentina, India, Philippines, and Germany. Being a prolific writer has allowed him to author over 92 research papers, several books, book chapters and many invited talks and papers. His interest in students, especially graduate education in weed science and desire to help graduate students is the basis for his funding and initiation of this award.