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### **Florida ISA Announces New Grant Program**

**SARASOTA, Fla. (February 1, 2016)** – The [Florida Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture](#) is pleased to announce their new Florida ISA (FLISA) Arboriculture Grant Program. The grant program will fund research, educational and promotional materials development, and research symposia relevant to arboriculture in Florida and relevant to the Florida ISA mission.

A grant committee, chaired by Dr. Ed Gilman of the University of Florida, has been established to oversee administration of the program. The committee is responsible for identifying and prioritizing the research and educational needs of the arboriculture industry in Florida and evaluate proposals accordingly and make recommendations to the FLISA Board of Directors. “The Florida Chapter has done a great job with its arboriculture education mission in its first 20 years; now we have the opportunity to fulfill the research portion of our mission in a meaningful way,” commented Florida ISA Grant Program Chair Dr. Ed Gilman.

Projects recommended for funding will emphasize traditional arboriculture, and research should include applied research on topics relevant to Florida arborists such as tree and palm diseases and pests, tree failure, pruning, and biomechanics. Proposals for developing Educational materials should include both print and electronic mediums, focus on ISA Certified Arborist, and be designed to inform local arborists and the public about arboriculture practices in Florida. Visit [www.floridaisa.org](http://www.floridaisa.org) for complete details on relevant research topics and instructions on how to submit an application.

Funding for the FLISA Arboriculture Grant Program is provided through the chapter’s special Florida Trees Are Cool license plate, chapter reserves, annual budget allocations, and additional funding from outside sources. Program administrative costs will be paid strictly through Florida ISA Chapter budget allocations to allow for grant program resources to go entirely to fund research projects. Annual grant awards will range from \$20,000-\$50,000 per project allowing up to three years for completion.

Pre-proposals for 2016 grant funding are due in the chapter office by April 1. Proposals from non-Florida researchers are also eligible for funding. For more information about the FLISA Arboriculture Grant Program and to find out how to submit a proposal visit [www.floridaisa.org](http://www.floridaisa.org).

#### **ABOUT FLORIDA CHAPTER ISA**

*The Florida Chapter ISA is a membership organization of arborists throughout the state of Florida who are dedicated to the advancement of proper tree care and planting. For more information about the [Florida Chapter](#) or to show your support for trees by purchasing a Trees Are Cool license plate, go to [www.treesarecool.com](http://www.treesarecool.com).*