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## NEWS RELEASE

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## American Society of Agronomy Announces 2020 Award Recipient

MADISON, WI, Jun 19, 2020 – The American Society of Agronomy (ASA) announces the following 2020 award recipient. The annual awards are presented for outstanding contributions to agronomy through education, national and international service, and research.



Lia Belen Olmedo Pico, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN – Nelson Yield-Limiting Factors Graduate Student Scholarship: Lia B. Olmedo Pico is a PhD candidate in the Department of Agronomy at Purdue University. While in Argentina, her home country, Lia received a B.S. in agricultural engineering from the University of Catamarca, earned a M.S. in crop production from the University of Mar del Plata, and worked as an assistant researcher for the National Institute of Agricultural Technology. Currently, she studies crop physiology and plant nutrition in order to understand the effects of nitrogen availability on the grain-filling dynamics that determine kernel weight in maize. She has presented her work in conferences and meetings at the local, national, and international levels, and has been the recipient of prestigious awards such as the Fulbright Scholarship and the IPNI Scholar Award. Lia has served in several leadership positions, including the Purdue Graduate Student Plant Science Symposium Planning Committee, the Purdue Fulbright Association Board, and peer-mentorship of new graduate students.

### Nelson Yield-Limiting Factors Graduate Student Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students to pursue research and careers in support of the diagnosis yield-limiting factors in agronomy. The focus of the scholarship is on leadership and accomplishments and the nominee's long-term personal goals to research and develop improved diagnostic techniques and solutions to yield-limiting factors in agronomy. The scholarship is provided through the Agronomic Science Foundation by the Werner L. Nelson Fund and administered through the American Society of Agronomy.

If you have any questions regarding the application, please email [students@sciencesocieties.org](mailto:students@sciencesocieties.org) or call 608-273-8080.

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For more information on the 2020 awards, including award descriptions, visit: [www.agronomy.org/awards/view](http://www.agronomy.org/awards/view).  
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