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**The Illinois Plant Breeding Center at the University of Illinois offers more than 21 fellowships to support MS and PhD studies in crop genetic improvement.** These fellowships are sponsored by corporations and private individuals, and are primarily merit-based. Each pays a 12-month stipend, tuition, fees, and health benefits. All applicants to the Graduate Program (Crop Sciences Department; specialization in areas related to crop improvement such as Plant Breeding, Quantitative Genetics, Bioinformatics, etc.) are considered for these prestigious awards. For information on how to apply to the Graduate Program, see [http://plantbreeding.illinois.edu/How\\_To\\_Apply.html](http://plantbreeding.illinois.edu/How_To_Apply.html)

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- The Energy Biosciences Institute (<http://www.energybiosciencesinstitute.org/>).

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