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The David Colegrave Foundation/Ed Markham International Scholarship Award 2009

The David Colegrave Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the David Colegrave Foundation - Ed Markham International Scholarship Award for 2009. This award is designed to allow students in the United Kingdom and North America to participate in an international work-study experience.

An award of U.S. \$4,500 will be made to one student annually to work for a minimum of 8 weeks in a horticultural business in the U.S., Canada or the U.K., and to allow the award recipient to extend their stay in the country to enhance their cultural experience. The award for 2009 will be for a British student to work in North America.

The award is available to current or recent horticultural students (who may already be in the early stages of their work career). There is no age limit. Preference will be given to those students focusing on commercial ornamental horticulture.

Closing date for applications for 2009 is January 31st, 2009, and the award winner will be notified shortly thereafter. The work period will ideally be in the spring/summer of 2009.

Applicants may already have a business in mind when applying, though support will be provided to identify suitable businesses for the applicant's specific skills and interests should his/her application be successful. Support will be provided by the David Colegrave Foundation to the award winner in obtaining necessary work permits, helping with travel plans and identifying accommodation.

Application forms are available on the David Colegrave Foundation website at www.davidcolegravefoundation.org.uk

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Notes to Editors

David Colegrave was one of Britain's leading seedsman, founding the U.K.'s largest ornamental seed company. Ed Markham is one of North America's highest profile seedsman, and he and David were close personal friends. The David Colegrave Foundation was established following his death in 1992, while the Ed Markham Scholarship was established to honour Ed's contribution to the industry. It is administered by AFE (American Floral Endowment), a U.S.- based charitable body that acts as an umbrella body for funding research and providing scholarships for horticulture students. The David Colegrave Foundation is administered by The Horticultural Trades Association.