The Milton Sommerfeld Fund for Algae Research was created in loving memory of Prof. Dr. Milton Sommerfeld, a brilliant scientist with a keen sense of humor and a big infectious grin that radiated his passion to all those that interacted with him. In recognition of his love for algae, teaching, research, and the advancement of students, Carolyn Sommerfeld and the Sommerfeld family along with countless students and friends who connected and were mentored by Prof. Dr. Sommerfeld created this fund to continue Prof. Dr. Sommerfeld’s legacy of assisting students in their work to advance the field of algae research.

Prof. Dr. Milton Sommerfeld was a professor in the Environmental & Resource Management and Applied Biological Sciences Programs, and served as co-director of the Arizona Center for Algae Technology and Innovation (formerly Laboratory of Algae Research and Biotechnology). He also served as Chair of the Department of Botany and Microbiology (1980-1988), and was Associate Dean for Research and Facilities in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (1989-2004). He mentored over 60 M.S., Ph.D. and postdoctoral associates and numerous undergraduates. He was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Phycological Society of America, British Phycological Society, International Phycological Society, Arizona-Nevada Academy of Science, The Society of Sigma Xi and the Southwestern Association of Naturalists.

The Milton Sommerfeld Fund for Algae Research and the Arizona State University Foundation invite graduate and undergraduate student applications for the 2023 Milton Sommerfeld Award to Advance Algae Research Award to be submitted by May 10, 2023 by submitting one-page word or PDF document application via email to Prof. Kiril Hristovski, Ph.D., ERM Program Chair at kiril.hristovski@asu.edu. The applications should contain the following information:

- Name of the student
- ASU Program in which the student is enrolled and year.
- Name of the Mentor with whom the student will be working
- One-page description of the proposed or ongoing algae related project and a brief vision describing how this project will help the student in development of a professional career.

The projects can be related to all aspects of algae applications and implications, including environmental, engineering, socio-economic, business, sustainability, or other focus areas.

The amount of the award is $1,800. Anticipated number of awards for 2023: 1