

Markham First Year Student Award

Background: Graduate students interested in working at the Hatfield Marine Science Center generally must spend 9 months in Corvallis taking coursework. Professors at the HMSC who recruit these students often have difficulty funding the first year, and this support has been identified as a barrier to increasing graduate student numbers at the HMSC.

Purpose: This award represents one-time funding up to \$10,000 to support an incoming, first year graduate student who plans to be resident at the HMSC after the first academic year in Corvallis. It can support a stipend and is intended to provide bridge funding until the student is resident at the HMSC, when other sources of funding (e.g., from grants) should be available.

Support Areas: First year Markham Award funds are traditionally used to support student stipends.

Application: Application is made by the major professor on behalf of incoming students identified from applicants in appropriate departments. Applications will be accepted from resident HMSC faculty who intend to serve as the advisor of the incoming student. Courtesy Faculty from agencies at HMSC are particularly encouraged to apply for these funds if subsequent years' funding is available. Applications must include the following information:

- Resume, not to exceed 2 pages, and transcripts of the student and brief (< 1 page) statement of research interests.
- Narrative, not to exceed 2 pages, from the intended advisor, covering the following topics:
 - i) how the student will fit into the HMSC research environment and the likely research topics to be addressed
 - ii) source of funding for support after the first academic year in Corvallis
 - iii) a brief statement of how the funds will be spent. Applications from Courtesy Faculty should identify regular academic faculty who will serve on student committees.

An important criterion for judging the application will be the likelihood of funding availability to support the student after the first 9 months.

Deadline for applications: **March 16, 2009**. Decision to be announced by April 6, 2009.

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