

Guidance and Review Criteria for HMSC Award Competition

5. Walter G. Jones Fisheries Development Award

Scientific and technical merit: Because the intent of this award is specifically related to fisheries development, this accounts for 10 points of the 25 in this category (The application instructions explicitly states “The application should clearly demonstrate how the research would contribute to fisheries development.”). The remaining 15 points will be assigned for creativity, quality of science, and benefits of the proposed work, track record of the student in completing past research, as well as the quality of the “research team” (i.e., student and advisor). (25 points)

Academic Qualifications (15 points): Academic standing and qualifications of the applicant. The student must have completed 12 or more graduate credits at the time of application. The track record in completing past research or educational projects (if applicable), as well as the quality of the “team” (i.e., student and advisor) may be taken into account.

Service (5 points): Service to OSU, HMSC, the home department, the profession, and to the community will all be considered. Service includes committee service, outreach and community service, involvement in the Hatfield Student Organization, etc.

Use of HMSC Facilities: Encouraged, but not required.

Budget and financial need (15 pts): Is the budget being used appropriately? Is there sufficient information to evaluate how the funds will be used? To what degree will the requested funds directly benefit the educational programs described? (10 points). Financial need is a factor that may be considered. The funds should not be used to replace existing funds; if the project is already funded, the proposal should identify how the additional award will augment the funds. (5 points, greatest need gets greatest points)

Non-OSU Students: Not eligible.

Adherence to application procedures: Past reviewers have noted many applicants do not follow the application guidelines. The committee may choose to either assign negative points or disqualify any application that does not follow the instructions. (range: outright rejection or –5 points)