Walter G. Jones Fisheries Development Award

Purpose: To encourage graduate work in subjects which contribute to fisheries development.

Amount: $1,300 to be given spring term

Criteria: The application should clearly demonstrate how the research would contribute to fisheries development. The candidate must have completed 12 or more graduate credit hours in any department at OSU prior to application deadline. The candidate must be working toward a graduate degree at OSU and be in good academic standing.

Award recipient will be expected to prepare a poster on proposed research at the beginning (June 2018) and an oral presentation with report on results at the end of the year (June 2019) at the annual HMSC-Markham Awards Symposium.

Application: Students must submit:

- One-page project description of activities to be undertaken including statement of academic goals in marine biology. It should address how the project will contribute to applicant’s career goals / aspirations.
- Required budget (maximum $1,300)
- Resume, not to exceed 2 pages;
- Letter of support from the advisor, plus supportive GPA status note from academic department.

Deadline: April 13

Apply to: Academic Programs Manager
Hatfield Marine Science Center
2030 SE Marine Science Drive
Newport, OR 97365
email: hmscacademic@oregonstate.edu
Tel. (541) 867-0380 Fax (541) 867-0444

Application Guidance:

Applications must be submitted as a complete package by the deadline. Electronic submission, as a single PDF file by email will also be accepted. **NOTE: Instructions for applications must be followed exactly or the application will not be considered.** For additional application guidance, see http://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/awards.html

Application cover letter should state graduate degree sought and current financial support. Applicants with previous awards from HMSC should clearly indicate the level of past support, be certain that reporting requirements have been met, and provide a paragraph describing past progress or results.

The criteria by which applicants will be evaluated include: scientific merit (creativity and feasibility of proposed research and potential implications to fisheries development); academic performance and research experience; service activity (to institution, community, profession); use of HMSC facilities (encouraged, but not required); and financial need.
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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)