

## **Guidance and Review Criteria for HMSC Award Competition**

### **4. Holt Marine Education Fund**

**Scientific and educational merit:** Because the intent of this award is to benefit marine science educational programs, the creativity, quality of science, benefits of the proposed work, and tangible benefit to marine education should be assessed, including the likelihood of the results being incorporated into educational displays or curricula. (25 points)

**Academic Qualifications** (15 points): Academic standing and qualifications of the applicant. 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:** This is not required for the Holt Award, but may be given weight by the committee (up to 5 points).

**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:** Non-OSU students may apply for the Holt award. The request would have to be for an educational activity related to OSU, and the work done by the student should be conducted at the HMSC. The proposal should clearly show how the student's project integrates into the marine science educational enterprise at the HMSC.

**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)