Anja Robinson Fellowship

Purpose: To provide support for graduate students doing shellfish aquaculture research at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport. Approximately $800 will be awarded in 2018.

Amount: Graduate students pursuing an M.S. or Ph.D. degree which includes work with shellfish.

Eligibility: Master's or doctoral students working with shellfish who show commitment and promise to their career choice and who meet the graduate entrance requirements of the university and the department in which they will study.

Application: Students must submit:
- Project description (not to exceed 2 pages) concisely proposing the research problem to be investigated: defining objectives, methods and significance of results. The hypothesis to be tested must be clearly stated;
- Budget - explain how research supported by the requested funding fits in with your research program and the manner in which the funds will add value to the research; Identify other funding supporting this project (past HMSC awards);
- Resume (not to exceed 2 pages);
- Letter of recommendation by faculty member.

Duration & Amount: One year from date of award. An M.S. student is eligible for funding for a maximum of two years and a Ph.D. student for a maximum of three years. A condition of the award is to prepare a poster (on proposed research) at the annual HMSC-Markham Awards Symposium (June 2018), and to make a short presentation on results or progress at the same event in subsequent year(s).

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

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 (include in the budget).

The criteria by which applicants will be evaluated include: scientific merit (relevance and potential of proposed research to shellfish aquaculture); use of HMSC facilities; academic and research experience; service activity (to institution, community, profession); soundness of proposed budget; and financial need.
Guidance and Review Criteria for HMSC Award Competition

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**Scientific and technical merit:** The intent of this award is to support OSU graduate students at the HMSC conducting research in shellfish aquaculture, and applications judged not appropriate to this topic will be disqualified. The scientific and technical merit criterion is based upon the creativity of the proposed research and quality of science, feasibility of the research and likelihood of results, and benefits and broader implications of the research, including the likelihood of resulting publications. (25 points)

**Academic Qualifications** (15 points): Academic standing and qualifications of the applicant. The track record in completing past research or, in the case of newer students, the promise of research capability, 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:** 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 student’s research? (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)