ADELE BERKLUND UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLAR AWARD

OVERVIEW

The Adele Berklund Undergraduate Research Scholar Award recognizes and encourages undergraduate research in an applied field of natural resources. Berklund awards may be used to fund a variety of faculty-supervised research activities. Students enrolled in any B.S. degree program within the CNR are encouraged to participate in ongoing faculty research projects in which the student assists a faculty member or graduate student with research in progress. Students are eligible to receive this award for research occurring during the regular academic year or during summer semester. Four awards of $5000/each will be granted annually.

Interested students should first discuss possible research topics and projects with a faculty member. Faculty members may mentor only one summer and one academic year Berklund student proposal submission per year, and a student may receive only one award per year. After identifying a research project of mutual student-faculty interest, the student must submit a research proposal as outlined below in “Application Materials.” Students will work with faculty to determine a budget of $4500 to include salary, travel, research supplies, and analysis costs; the supervising faculty member must approve the budget prior to proposal submission. A $500 honorarium will be awarded when all “requirements of student awardees” criteria have been met. Note that students applying for summer research must be enrolled in at least one credit hour. Awardees will be announced annually in February.

Berklund Scholars are encouraged to publish their research results and must present their findings at a CNR seminar/poster session, UI undergraduate research symposium, and/or at a professional meeting.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

1) Research Proposal that includes the following sections:
   o Title page
   o Abstract
   o Introduction and background
   o Research objectives
   o Methods and data analysis
   o Relevance of research to profession and/or society
   o Timeline (not to exceed 12 months)
   o Proposed budget (faculty approved)
   o Literature cited
   Provisions should be no more than 5 pages in length (excluding title page, resume, and faculty letter of support) and follow appropriate scientific formatting.

2) Resume (include current UI major/minor and GPA)

3) Letter of support from supervising faculty member that describes mentoring and any matching financial support provided.

If funded, appropriate ACUC and IRB approvals will be required before the funds are distributed.
AWARDING PROCESS

A Berklund Research Scholar Selection Committee composed of 1 CNR faculty member from each department will review the applications and select scholars based on the quality of the research proposal, qualifications of the student investigator, and faculty mentor support. The professional backgrounds of the Selection Committee should represent a cross-section of the research disciplines in CNR. Awards will be based on:

1. Students’ academic performance
2. Quality of proposal
3. Novelty of research topic
4. Scope of research impact

REQUIREMENTS OF STUDENT Awardees

Student Awardees Are Required to:

#1. Submit a personal thank-you to the Berklund Foundation, not less than a half-page explaining student background, interests, and importance of award in his/her development (template will be provided). Including a photo is preferred. This should be completed within two weeks of the award announcement.

#2. Submit a final research report.
- Title page
- Abstract
- Introduction and background
- Research objectives
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion including implications for management
- Literature cited

#3. Submit a personal post-project update to CNR development (template will be provided), to include:
- Half-page document outlining impact of project on personal/professional goals
- Photo of student
- Photos of research project while in the field
- Any materials associated with the submission, acceptance of research for publication, presentation, etc.

Materials listed above should be sent to Jennifer Farnum, Director of Development, at jfarnum@uidaho.edu.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Proposal documents should be submitted in a single PDF to Tammy Bowen (tammybowen@uidaho.edu) by January 31, 2018.