CURT BERKLUND GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLAR AWARD

Overview

The Curt Berklund Graduate Research Scholar Award supports graduate research in an applied field of natural resources. Berklund awards may be used to fund a variety of master’s or doctoral-level research endeavors. All students enrolled in any M.S. or Ph.D. program conducting original research supervised by a major professor and his/her committee are eligible to compete for this award. Students are eligible to receive this award for research occurring in either the fall, spring, or summer semesters. One award of $10,000 will be granted annually; the student must be enrolled in one or more credits during the time in which the research is being conducted.

After identifying a research project, the student must submit a research proposal as outlined below. Students will work with faculty to determine a budget of $9000 to include salary, travel, research supplies, and analysis costs; the supervising faculty member must approve the budget prior to proposal submission. A $1000 honorarium will be awarded once all awardee requirements have been met (see section below). Recipients will be announced annually in February.
Application Materials

1. Research Proposal that includes the following sections:
   - Title page
   - Abstract
   - Introduction and background
   - Research objectives
   - Methods and data analysis
   - Relevance of research to profession and/or society
   - Timeline (not to exceed 12 months)
   - Proposed budget (faculty approved)
   - Literature cited

Proposals should not exceed 10 pages (excluding title page) and should be written using scientific formatting.

2. Resume (include current GPA)

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

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. To qualify, proposals should be no more than 10 pages in length and follow appropriate scientific formatting. Awards will be based on:
   - Students’ academic performance.
   - Quality of proposal.
   - Novelty of research topic.
   - Scope of research impact.

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

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. Extend an Invitation to Student Defense:
   - At the conclusion of the research project, the student is asked to invite members of the Berklund Foundation to his/her thesis/dissertation defense.

3. Post-Defense Responsibilities:
   - Student will submit to donor:
     - Hard copy of thesis or dissertation
     - Final thank-you note or card

Materials listed above should be sent to Brittany Harrington at bharrington@uidaho.edu.

Submission Deadlines

Proposal documents should be submitted in a single PDF to Alistair Smith (alistair@uidaho.edu) by January 31, 2019.

Questions about donor intent or applicant selection process can be directed to Jennifer Farnum, jfarnum@uidaho.edu or 208.885.5145