

GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION TRAVEL AWARD

Application Procedures for Student Travel Award

Application Deadline: Applications must be received electronically by **Friday, April 14, 2017, 11:59pm ET.**

Send application to research@glfc.org; SUBJECT: Travel Award

Purpose: The Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC) Travel Award seeks to promote academic excellence by encouraging student scientists to present their graduate research results at scientific conferences. The Travel Award is awarded annually to M.Sc. or Ph.D. students whose research is likely to make a significant contribution to understanding Great Lakes aquatic ecology and fishery science.

Number and Value of Awards: Two travel awards will be awarded this year. Typically awards are for up to \$1,500.

Eligibility: Full-time M.Sc. or Ph.D. students whose research is relevant to the Great Lakes and who have not previously received this award are eligible.

Application Elements: A complete application is composed of five parts:

1. A **Letter of Application** (maximum one page) including the following:

- name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of applicant;
- degree sought and estimated time to completion;
- number of months enrolled in current program;
- department and/or school;
- name of major professor;
- name, location, and date of scientific conference the student wishes to attend;
- brief description of research;
- relevance of the student's research project to fishery science and the Great Lakes;
- statement of agreement to comply with terms and conditions of the scholarship (described below).

2. A supervising professor's **Letter of Endorsement** (no more than 1 page) containing the following:

- name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of major professor;
- statement of student's stage of progress, and anticipated time to completion of degree;
- endorsement of student's application (1 paragraph).

3. Extended Abstract: A brief title and extended abstract of the student's graduate research, including a description of the research he or she intends to present at the conference (no more than 1 single-spaced page).

4. Research Impact Statement: A statement of how and why the research will make a significant contribution to understanding Great Lakes aquatic ecology and fishery science (no more than 1 paragraph)

5. Conference and Budget Justification: A description of how the conference will further the student's professional development (1 paragraph) and a detailed estimate of the cost of attending the conference (both of these items should be combined into no more than 1 single-spaced page).

Criteria for Judging: Applications will be evaluated on the basis of scientific merit, contribution to the understanding of Great Lakes fisheries, presentation, originality, and relationship of the student's research to the conference.

Terms and Conditions of Awards: The GLFC Travel Award will be awarded with the student's prior understanding and acknowledgement

- that an oral presentation of the research will be made at the designated conference; and
- that an abstract of the thesis will be submitted to the GLFC upon completion of the research. A suitably revised version may appear on the GLFC web site and may be circulated by the GLFC for publication in newsletters and web sites.

Award winners announced: Mid-May 2017