

November 1, 2016

Dear NSA Awards Selection Committee:

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of recommendation for Laura H. Spencer as part of her application for Travel Funds to attend the NSA meeting in Knoxville and present her work “Geoduck as indicators of environmental change”. If awarded, Laura will have the opportunity to attend her first NSA Meeting and present her work on the proteomic response of *Panopea generosa* to environmental conditions in Washington state. While Laura has been awarded a prestigious NSF fellowship, this award does not cover travel and lodging for conferences. Support from the National Shellfish Association via the Student Endowment Fund Presentation and Travel Award would ensure that Laura can disseminate her research and learn from others in her field. Further, as a first year graduate student, it is my opinion that the experience of attending this meeting will have a substantial impact on her professionally and provide her with inspiration in pursuing a novel research area. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Steven Roberts