Summer Research Scholarships 2018 Natural History Collections @ UMass Amherst



Given by: The Natural History Collections, University of Massachusetts Amherst. David J. Klingener and Jane H. Bemis Endowments. (http://bcrc.bio.umass.edu/nhc/)

Amount: From \$300 - \$4000

Eligibility: Graduate and Undergraduate students conducting collections-based research under the mentorship of a UMass faculty member or a faculty member associated with an Interdisciplinary Life Sciences graduate program (i.e., OEB, PB, NSB, or MCB).

Restrictions: Students are eligible to receive this award no more than twice.

Description: The Natural History Collections at the University of Massachusetts Amherst awards these scholarships to promote collections-based research. The scholarships are intended to provide supplemental summer support for collections-based research conducted in fields of botany, entomology, paleontology and vertebrate biology. The budget may include costs associated with research and/or living expenses. Applications will be judged on their scientific quality and the relevance of the research to the University's collections.

Recipients are traditionally graduate students but undergraduates are encouraged to apply. All recipients must submit a brief final report by December 1 of the award year.

Application Instructions: The project description should contain the following components: 1) student's complete contact information, 2) background, 3) research objectives, 4) methods, 5) a description of the place of the project in the student's academic program (i.e. graduate thesis research, undergraduate independent study or honors project), 6) budget with justification. Please use 12 point font, single spaced lines, and 1 inch margins around. The total length of the application should be one to two pages. In addition to the application, students should also arrange for a brief letter of support from their faculty advisor to be sent to the NHC Office (sallyk@bio.umass.edu). The letter should outline how the student's research would be enhanced by the scholarship and verify that funds requested in the budget are not available from existing extramural sources (student's or advisor's).

Deadline: March 1 via e-mail (preferable) or campus/regular mail; Results will be announced by April 1.

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