

MEMORANDUM

To: Graduate Students Conducting Research in Marine Science
Faculty Advisors
Graduate Coordinators
Science Department Chairs

From: Joan D. Willey
Associate Director of the Center for Marine Science, Education

Subject: Summer Research Stipends for Graduate Students Conducting Research in
Marine Science

Date: March 10, 2009

The UNCW Center for Marine Science will support a program of competitive summer research awards for graduate students conducting research in any area of marine science. These students can be MS students in marine science, biology, marine biology, chemistry or geology. Stipends of \$1,000 each will be awarded to as many as eight (8) students for the summer of 2009. The funds are solely for stipends; travel, equipment, and other operational expenses are not covered.

The objectives of the awards are (1) to increase research productivity in marine science at UNCW, and (2) to assist UNCW graduate students working in marine science to complete their degrees in a timely fashion by supporting students so they can work full time on their research projects in the summer. Funds are limited, and observance of the following guidelines is essential for full consideration of each proposal.

1. To be eligible, students must be in good standing and making satisfactory progress toward completion of their degrees. Students, however, need not be registered for either summer session.
2. The awards will support only projects undertaken jointly by a graduate student and the student's faculty advisor; the stipend is reserved solely for the student. The project should be the student's thesis research.
3. All subject areas within marine science will receive equal consideration. Primary emphasis will be placed on the intrinsic scientific merit and clarity of the proposal.
4. The attached format must be followed. Please note that this is almost the same format used by the Graduate School for their summer research program proposals; students who have submitted proposals to that program may submit the same proposal to this competition. **One electronic copy** (double-spaced, font no smaller than Times New Roman 11) of each proposal must be turned in to Dr. Joan Willey, Room 239A Dobo Hall, by **5 pm Tuesday, March 31, 2009**. Results will be announced by April 20, 2009.

PROPOSAL FORMAT

1. Cover Page: As shown
2. Overview and Relevance of the Proposed Research: This and all other text should be prepared in a form clear to an audience that may be unfamiliar with your discipline; 1-3 pages in length. Explain clearly the importance of what you are doing. Conclude this section with a numbered list of objectives.
3. Methods and Analyses: 1-3 pages.
4. Literature Cited
5. Timetable for the project: Dates work will begin and end.
6. Resume for the student investigator, emphasizing research activities and accomplishments.
7. Other sources of student support for this project in the summer of 2009.

COVER PAGE

Project title:

Student investigator:

Degree program:

E mail address:

Faculty advisor:

Faculty advisor signature:

Department:

Abstract (up to 125 words):