

MEMORANDUM

To: Graduate students doing marine science-related research

From: Stephen A. Skrabal
Associate Director for Education, Center for Marine Science

Subject: 2020 summer research stipends for non-*MS in marine science* graduate students

Date: 25 February 2020

The UNCW Center for Marine Science will support a program of competitive summer research awards for graduate students working on marine science-related projects but receiving degrees from other academic programs. A limited number of awards are available in the amount of approximately \$2,200, which will be paid as a stipend for the month of June 2020. The funds are solely for student stipends. Travel, equipment, and other operational expenses are not covered.

Please note that at this level of support, students will not be allowed to receive other sources of UNCW funding for June 2020; this will need to be verified on the application cover sheet.

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. 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 consideration. Primary emphasis will be placed on the intrinsic scientific merit and clarity of the proposal.
4. Please note that graduate students are limited to 28 hours per week by the Graduate School so applicants should be certain that there will be no conflicts with other assignments (e.g., TAs, RAs) in June 2020.
5. 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, Times New Roman font no smaller than 11 pt., pdf or Word format) of each proposal must be sent to Dr. Skrabal (skrabals@uncw.edu) by **5:00 pm, Friday, 27 March 2020**. Late proposals will not be accepted.
6. Questions about the program can be directed to Dr. Skrabal (skrabals@uncw.edu).

PROPOSAL FORMAT

1. Cover Page: As shown below
2. Overview and Relevance of the Proposed Research: The entire proposal should be written so it is understandable to an audience that may be unfamiliar with your discipline. Explain clearly the importance of what you are doing. Conclude this section with a numbered list of objectives. No more than 3 pages.
3. Methods and Analyses: 1-3 pages.
4. Literature Cited
5. Timetable for the Project: Dates work will begin and end.
6. 1 page resume for the student investigator, emphasizing research activities and accomplishments.
7. Other sources of support (if any) for this project.

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COVER PAGE

Project title:

Student investigator:

E mail address:

Student ID number:

Faculty advisor:

Faculty advisor signature:

Department of the faculty advisor:

Verification that award would be only UNCW source of support for June 2020 (please initial):

Project abstract (no more than 200 words):