Moos Graduate Research Fellowships in Aquatic Biology

The College of Biological Sciences is pleased to solicit applications for the 2013 Moos Graduate Research Fellowship in Aquatic Biology. In 2013 this program will provide summer stipends (3-mo salary plus fringe) plus up to $2,500 in travel and research expenses to two graduate students currently enrolled at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus. Students must be pursuing MS or PhD degrees in water resources, aquatic biology or limnology. The research proposed must concern questions of general or regional significance. This fellowship will enable the recipient to undertake unique research activities focused on understanding and developing sustainable use of freshwater. Each proposal must also include an outreach component that identifies how the findings will be disseminated to the general public.

Applications will be judged on the quality and creativity of the proposed research. Finalists will be invited for in-person interviews to be conducted on May 8 or 9, 2013 and final selections will be made shortly thereafter. The two recipients may be required to present their findings at a suitable meeting of the Board of Directors of the Freshwater Society.

Deadline: Noon, April 29, 2013 (firm). To apply, students should send a single pdf version with all parts of their proposal and arrange for their adviser to email a letter of support (see below) to:

Moos Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee
c/o Lisa Wiggins <wiggins@UMN.EDU>

Requirements of the proposal:

1. Project Description (3 pages maximum, single-spaced, 12-point font, 1 inch margins) to include:
   a. Student’s Name, Graduate Program, Title of Research Project.
   b. Summary of your overall dissertation research and description of what has been the most interesting finding so far.
   c. The research to be performed with Moos Fellowship support during summer, 2013, its rationale, the questions to be addressed or the hypotheses to be tested and the methods to be used.
   d. Plans for outreach.
2. Budget and justification (1-page maximum) for up to $2,500 to be allocated to travel or research expenses.

Adviser support letter: Advisers should send a brief email to the submission location noted above where they indicate only one of the following (choose one, no further text is needed or will be read by the selection committee).

1. ______ is making excellent progress towards his or her degree (i.e., coursework and other degree benchmarks). He or she has a high level of research momentum and is likely to produce a dissertation of high significance.
2. _____ is making excellent progress towards his or her degree (i.e., coursework and other degree benchmarks). He or she is making adequate research progress, which may result in a dissertation with important findings.
3. _____ is making good progress towards his or her degree (i.e., coursework and other degree benchmarks). His or her research progress, however, has lagged.
4. _____ has not made the expected academic progress towards degree. He or she may or may not be making adequate research progress.

Please direct any questions to the Moos Fellows 2013 Selection Committee: Drs. James Cotner (cotne002@umn.edu), Paige Nowak (novak010@umn.edu), and Robert Sterner (stern007@umn.edu).

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