

Student Raised Scholarship Fund (SRSF)

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Center for Tropical Ecology and Conservation (CTEC), Department of Environmental Studies at Antioch University New England is pleased to call for proposals for our Student Raised Scholarship Fund. ANE graduate students conducting research pertaining to tropical conservation should apply. The scholarship is meant to support students' tropical conservation work: new ideas or new initiatives, to help students get their research off the ground.

The Center for Tropical Ecology and Conservation will be awarding scholarship funds up to \$500 to CTEC graduate students each fall and spring semester depending on fundraising success. This scholarship is possible through the fundraising efforts of CTEC students.

Qualifications:

Students interested in applying for this scholarship must be enrolled with at least half time status in the Environmental Studies Department at Antioch University New England and be an active CTEC student at the time of their application for the scholarship. Funds may be requested for field work on a tropical ecology or conservation research project, including field equipment or travel to the field site. Requests for funding will be considered up to \$500. The student must demonstrate the link between their thesis/project work and tropical conservation, and this work must count towards their graduate degree requirements at ANE.

Application deadline: April 1 each year

Application:

Letter of interest and either a) a research proposal of no more than 4 pages, including a complete and detailed budget if applying for funds for field research (see details below) or b) title and description of conference, an abstract of the presentation, evidence of acceptance of presentation and budgetary needs for the conference, to total not more than 4 pages. To receive full consideration, proposals must be submitted in the following format:

1. Title page must include: Purpose of funding (research or conference travel), title of proposed project or presentation, applicant name, address, and phone number, name of ANE faculty advisor, and a brief project summary including dates of field work or conference and amount of money requested.
2. Attached 3 page narrative including (single spaced, 12 font):
 - a. Thesis or Dissertation project objectives
 - b. Location of study
 - c. Justification of the project

If applying for research or field work funding, include the following (d-f):

- d. Methods, including data collection and analysis
- e. Anticipated results and their potential application, detailing the anticipated tangible/measurable results, how those results will be analyzed and how the overall project will be evaluated.

- f. Demonstration of feasibility and appropriateness of field site: in-country contacts; permissions to work in country or at field site; contacts with local researchers, status of field site.

If applying for funds to attend and present at a conference, complete the following (d-g):

- d. Name, location and dates of conference
- e. Type of presentation (poster or talk, including talk duration)
- f. Abstract of conference presentation and proof that your presentation has been accepted
- g. Explain why your participation in the conference is important to your career
- h. Evidence that you will be able to raise sufficient funds to cover the trip if this scholarship does not cover full expenses.

3. Timetable for relevant activities

4. Total budget (as appropriate: equipment, travel expenses, food and lodging), and a clear indication of what will be paid for by the scholarship money.

Submit electronic copy **as a single document** to:

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Proposal Review:

1. All proposals will be reviewed by a committee comprised of CTEC staff (Co-Directors, an ES faculty member and a CTEC Student Staff Member).
2. Proposals will be evaluated by the following criteria:
 - a. Scientific and conservation merit of the research proposal.
 - b. Feasibility of project completion within the proposed time
 - c. Need for funding
 - d. Relative contribution of the proposed project to conservation goals and/or to existing scientific knowledge

Scholarship Requirements:

1. Applicants must agree to submit a letter of acknowledgment upon receipt of the scholarship, as well as a two-page summary of the research or a copy of the final report to CTEC within two months of completion of the research project.
2. The scholarship recipient will be required to present the results of the study to the ANE community at the annual Student Research Symposium held annually in April, or at an organized CTEC gathering such as the Brown Bag lunch series or CTEC student speaker series.

For More Information Contact:

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