GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION TRAVEL AWARD

Application Procedures for Student Travel Award

Application Deadline: Applications must be received electronically by **Saturday, April 1, 2023, 11:59pm EDT.**

Purpose: The Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC) Travel Award promotes academic excellence by encouraging students to present their graduate research results at scientific conferences. The Travel Award is awarded annually to M.Sc. or Ph.D. students whose research is likely to make a significant contribution to understanding Great Lakes aquatic ecology and fishery science. To maximize opportunities in 2023, both virtual and in-person participation are eligible for sponsorship.

Number and Value of Awards: Two (2) travel awards will be awarded this year. Typically, awards are for up to U.S. $1,500.

Eligibility: Full-time M.Sc. or Ph.D. students whose research is relevant to the Great Lakes and who have not previously received this award are eligible.

Application Elements: A complete application is composed of five parts:

1. **Letter of Application** including the following elements (maximum 1 page, single-spaced):
   - Name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of applicant
   - Degree sought and estimated date of completion
   - Number of months enrolled in current program
   - Department and school
   - Name of graduate supervisor
   - Name, location, and date of scientific conference the student wishes to participate in, and whether attendance will be virtual or in-person
   - Introduction to research topic
   - Relevance of the student's research to Great Lakes aquatic ecology or fishery science
   - Statement of agreement to comply with terms and conditions of the scholarship (described below)

2. **Extended Abstract:** A title and abstract of the research, including an introduction to the research, methods, results, and conclusions that the student intends to present at the conference (maximum 1 page, single-spaced).

3. **Conference and Budget Justification:** A description of how the conference will further the professional development of the student (1 paragraph) and a detailed estimate of the cost of participating in the conference (both of these items combined should be maximum 1 page, single-spaced).

4. **Curriculum Vitae:** One-page CV highlighting relevant experience.

5. **Letter of Endorsement** from a supervising professor containing the following (maximum 1 page, single-spaced):
   - Name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of graduate supervisor
   - Statement of student's stage of progress, and anticipated time to completion of degree
   - Endorsement of student's application (1 paragraph)

Application instructions: Email items 1-4 above to research@glfc.org with the subject: "Travel Award." All application elements should be compiled into a single PDF or Word document with the naming convention [last name] – Travel Award – [Application year] (e.g., "Smith-Travel Award-2023").

Supervisors should email their letter of endorsement directly to research@glfc.org with the subject: "Travel Award letter of endorsement." Letters should be in PDF or Word format with the naming convention [student's last name] – Travel Award letter of endorsement – [Application year] (e.g., "Smith-Travel Award letter of endorsement-2022").

All application materials must be received by **Saturday, April 1, 2023, 11:59pm EDT.**

Criteria for Judging: Applications will be evaluated based on scientific merit, contribution to the understanding of Great Lakes fisheries, presentation, originality, and relationship of the student's research to the conference.

Terms and Conditions of Awards: The GLFC Travel Award will be awarded with the student's prior understanding and acknowledgement that
   - An oral or poster presentation of the research will be made at the designated conference (virtually or in person); and
   - An abstract of the thesis will be submitted to the GLFC upon completion of the research. (A suitably revised version may appear on the GLFC website and may be circulated by the GLFC for publication in newsletters and on websites.)

Award winners will be announced in early May.