



*Society of Wetland Scientists*

## **SWS Diversity Program Undergraduate Mentoring Awards for the SWS Annual Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin**

The Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS) announces the availability of undergraduate student awards for travel to attend the annual SWS meeting – June 22 - 26, 2009 in Madison, Wisconsin and participate in the SWS Mentoring Program. SWS is committed to increasing membership diversity and is offering full travel awards to undergraduate students from underrepresented groups. These awards are supported by the National Science Foundation and several SWS Chapters (Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Central, Western, and Pacific Northwest).

Please note the following eligibility restrictions:

Participants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions and be undergraduate students enrolled in a degree program (part-time or full-time) leading to a baccalaureate or associates degree. Students who are transferring from one institution to another and are enrolled at neither institution during the intervening summer may participate. Spring 2009 graduates are eligible; Fall 2008 graduates are not.

For the purposes of these awards, underrepresented groups are defined as: Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics and Latinos, Native Americans and Alaskans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, and persons with disabilities.

Please type all requested information in the spaces provided. If any additional space is necessary, please use an additional sheet. Electronic submission of applications via email is preferred. Academic transcripts may be submitted as a PDF file. The application deadline is November 28, 2008.

Please send all applications to:

Dr. Frank P. Day  
Old Dominion University  
Department of Biological Sciences  
Norfolk, VA 23529  
Tel: 757-683-4198  
[fday@odu.edu](mailto:fday@odu.edu)



9. Major: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Year:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Year and Semester of Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this GPA based on a 4.0 system?  
 yes  no

Please attach an up-to-date transcript from your present academic institution. An unofficial copy in PDF format is acceptable.

12. a. Are you a US citizen?

Yes  No

b. Are you a permanent resident with an alien registration card?

Yes  No

If you are a permanent resident with an Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-151 or I-551), please send a PDF of this card with your application. Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible.

Part II.

13. In the space below, please provide a short statement of your long-term research interests and career goals. A wide range of interest areas, including marine, are encouraged. Explain what your interests in wetlands are and your ideas about what a career in wetland sciences means. Because the Society of Wetland Scientists is a multidisciplinary group, research, policy or consulting are equally valuable career paths. Also, indicate what you hope to get out of this mentoring program and meeting if you are selected as a participant. (Please attach a separate sheet if you need additional space. However, the 500 word limit still applies.)

14. Please list all other professional/scientific meetings you have attended.
  
15. Please list any honors and awards you have received.
  
16. Please list any publications you might have.
  
17. List any paid or volunteer experiences related to your interest in wetland ecology. (Use a separate sheet if necessary.)
  
18. For those who wish to present a poster of some aspect of their undergraduate research at the annual SWS meeting, please attach an abstract to this application (no more than 250 words).

19. Please include the name and address of your faculty sponsor at your home institution. A letter of recommendation from your faculty sponsor must be sent to:

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by the November 28, 2008 deadline. E-mail + a mailed hardcopy is preferred.

Faculty Sponsor:

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