



Society of Wetland Scientists

SWS Diversity Program Undergraduate Mentoring Awards for the SWS Annual Meeting in Prague, Czech Republic

The Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS) announces the availability of undergraduate student awards for travel to attend the annual SWS meeting July 2 – July 9, 2011 in Prague, Czech Republic and participate in the SWS Mentoring Program. The mission of this SWS program is to increase diversity in the Society and the field of wetland sciences by offering full travel awards to motivated undergraduate students from underrepresented groups and providing career mentoring and exposure to career options at the Society's annual meeting. In addition to attending papers presentations and general meeting events, the students will participate in special activities organized for their benefit throughout the week. These awards are supported by the National Science Foundation and several SWS Chapters (Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, South Central, 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. Spring 2011 graduates are eligible; Fall 2010 graduates are not.

For the purposes of these awards, applicants must belong to one or more of the following groups that have traditionally been underrepresented in wetland sciences: Black/African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Americans, Indigenous Alaskans, Native Pacific Islanders (Hawaiian/Polynesian/Micronesian), and persons with disabilities.

Interested individuals are encouraged to send an email to Frank Day indicating their interest in the program prior to submitting the full application. When completing the full application, please type all requested information in the spaces provided. If more 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 December 3, 2010.

Please send all applications to:

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Department of Biological Sciences
Norfolk, VA 23529
Tel: 757-683-4198
fday@odu.edu

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.

13. Do you have a passport valid through October 31, 2011? Travel to the Czech Republic will require a passport and proof of health insurance valid outside the US.

Yes No

Part II.

13. In the space below, please provide a statement of your long-term research interests and career goals. A wide range of interest areas, including marine, are appropriate. Because the Society of Wetland Scientists is a multidisciplinary group, research, policy or consulting are equally valuable career paths. Include an explanation of how your participation will meet the SWS mission of increasing diversity in wetland sciences and describe your personal involvement with underrepresented communities. (Please attach a separate sheet if you need additional space. However, a 500-word limit still applies.)

14. Please list all 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 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). Presenting a poster is encouraged but not required.

19. Please include the name and address of your faculty sponsor at your home institution. Ask your faculty sponsor to write a letter of recommendation and email it to:

<mailto:>

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