

2017/2018 Tom McIlwain GCRL Fisheries Endowment Award

The McIlwain Endowment provides awards to support graduate student research in some aspect of **Marine Fisheries Science**. This award is made to the graduate student in good standing in the SOST Division of Coastal Sciences who best demonstrates his/her commitment to academic and research goals in Marine and Coastal Fisheries. With this announcement we are accepting applicants for the 2017/2018 McIlwain Endowment award cycle, for which the amount of the award is \$1,028. Eligible applicants are active graduate students conducting research in the SOST Division of Coastal Sciences with an emphasis on marine fisheries.

To apply for this award, applicants should write a letter outlining their (1) career goals, (2) current status in Coastal Sciences, (3) research program, (4) a clear description of how this award will enhance their degree program a current Graduate Student Progress Form, and (5) a current Graduate Student Progress Form.

Please limit the application to two pages. The awardee will be chosen based on his/her letter of application and a letter of support from their major professor. The letter of application and letter of support should be submitted electronically to the Coastal Sciences Awards Committee at chet.rakocinski@usm.edu on or before close of business **Thursday 15 February 2018**. The COA Awards committee will evaluate the applications and designate the awardee. Awardee will be selected by March 15, 2018.

Awardee must submit a completed Withdrawal Request form with applicable receipts, signatures and a W-9. Requests for reimbursement of research expenses should be coordinated through Darcie Graham. All paperwork must be submitted by **May 31, 2018**.