



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI**

**GULF COAST RESEARCH LABORATORY**

**GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION  
DR. JOHN R. SHARP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Dr. John R. Sharp Memorial Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students wishing to attend field classes or conduct independent research during the summer months at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL). Recipients of the scholarship will be undergraduate or graduate students who are returning to GCRL for a second summer of classes in the Summer Field Program (SFP) or who are continuing their independent research for a second summer. Students may attend one or both summer field sessions as a fulltime student (5 course hours) or complete a minimum of 5 hours independent research during the summer term under the guidance of a Department of Coastal Sciences (COA) faculty member. This scholarship is available only for summer study/research.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student returning for a second summer of study/research at GCRL.
2. Applicant must register for fulltime credit (5 hours) in summer classes in one or both summer sessions or a minimum of 5 hours independent research under the guidance of a COA faculty member.
3. Applicant must reside in the dormitory on the GCRL campus during the summer program of study/research.

**AWARDS:**

The 2013 Sharp Scholarship award will be approximately \$450. Students meeting the above requirements will receive a stipend based on the number of students receiving the award. A maximum of two (2) recipients will be identified each year. If two students are to receive an award, each student will receive one half (1/2) the scholarship funds available. If one student is to receive the scholarship, the entire amount available will be awarded to the student. The scholarship will be paid to the recipient(s) University of Southern Mississippi business account to help offset tuition and other academic expenses. All other academic and living expenses will be the responsibility of the recipient(s).

**APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE STUDENT WILL ATTEND THE GCRL SFP:**

1. One (1) letter of recommendation from an academic adviser or major professor
2. A short essay (not to exceed 250 words) on the subject of how attending Summer Field Program classes or conducting independent research at GCRL will help achieve your educational or career goals.

Scholarship applications are due by March 20, 2013. All applications will be evaluated by the Summer Field Program committee and the recipient(s) of the Dr. John R. Sharp Memorial Scholarship will be announced by the beginning of the first four week term. The criteria that will be considered in awarding the scholarship include:

- Essay
- Overall GPA
- Letter of recommendation
- Past performance in the GCRL SFP or previous independent research conducted at GCRL by the student.

Completed scholarship applications should be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to: Sam Clardy, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, 703 East Beach Drive, Ocean Springs, MS 39564, [Samuel.clardy@usm.edu](mailto:Samuel.clardy@usm.edu), (228) 818-8885.