2019-20 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 SOSE 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 2019-20 McIlwain Endowment award cycle, for which the amount of the award is $1,173.00. Eligible applicants are active graduate students conducting research in the SOSE 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, and include a copy of (5) a current Graduate Student Progress Form. A letter of support from the student’s major professor is also required.

Please limit the application letter 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 15 February 2020. The COA Awards committee will evaluate the applications and designate the awardee. Awardee will be selected by March 15, 2020.

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 15, 2020.