

Coastal Ocean Institute: Student Research Funds

Call for Applications

Deadline: September 1, 2015 by 5:00 PM

Start Date: October 1, 2015

Total Amount Available: Approximately \$25,000

The Coastal Ocean Institute (COI) is pleased to announce its 2015 funding opportunity exclusively for Joint Program graduate students working in coastal ocean science. Requests for support should be in the \$1,000 - \$2,000 range and are intended for thesis research expenses not otherwise covered by existing support. This might include (but is certainly not limited to) equipment, outside analyses or services, or travel to collect data. Funds specifically for computers and conference travel must outline a clear need and will be of lower priority for funding; computer purchases are discouraged and are considered COI property.

ELIGIBILITY:

This opportunity is open to all students in the MIT/WHOI Joint Graduate Program in Oceanography and Oceanographic Engineering who are working in coastal ocean science. The research idea and the proposal text must come from the graduate student, not his/her supervisor.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications should be sent (as a PDF file) to Andrew Daly, COI Administrator (adaly@whoi.edu) by **September 1, 2015**, and include the following:

1. Endorsement letter, no longer than one page, from student's advisor. If funds for a computer or conference travel are included in the request, the advisor's letter must address the need.
2. Request for funding and description of research statement, not to exceed two pages (including any figures, references, etc). Please include a brief description of what the funds will be used for, an explanation of how this fits into the student's thesis, and why this request cannot be fully funded by the student's current advisor or laboratory. If partial support is available from a secondary source, this will be viewed favorably in the selection process.
3. Budget (\$1,000 - \$2,000). Please note that smaller budgets will stand a better chance of success than those requesting the maximum award.

REVIEW PROCESS:

Decisions will be made by the COI Director; the COI Advisory Committee may be consulted if the total funding requests exceeds the amount available. The start date for the awards is expected to be October 1, 2015.

DELIVERABLES:

Upon completion of the activity, the student may be asked by the COI Director for a summary of how the award contributed to thesis research. This information may be used on the COI website, newsletters, or other communications outlets including the twice-annual WHOI Trustee meeting.

For a list of previous awards please see <http://www.whoi.edu/page.do?pid=96806>

Contacts:

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