Departmental Events


Saint George Geographical Society Meeting: 27 February, 4:00 pm, El Tapatio (2605 Stagg Hill Rd, Manhattan).

Departmental Activity

Publication


Departmental Scholarships

William Grimm Undergraduate Geography Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded annually to a worthy geography major. The scholarship is named in honor of William Grimm, a former Kansas State University graduate killed in action during the Persian Gulf War, and is supported by the Grimm family. Any current undergraduate geography major enrolled during the 2014-2015 academic year is eligible for this scholarship. The value of this scholarship is $500.00. Receipt of the William Grimm Scholarship does not preclude the award winner from receiving any additional scholarships awarded at Kansas State University. If you are interested in being considered for this Scholarship, please turn in the following materials by the application deadline to the Department of Geography main office: 1) a one-page essay describing the importance of geography for attaining your professional goals, and 2) two letters of recommendation from instructors (letters should be sent to the department head, if sent separately). Applicants may also mail their completed packets to: Grimm Scholarship, 118 Seaton Hall, Department of Geography, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on the completed essay, cumulative grade point average, and two letters of recommendation. The Department of Geography Scholarship Committee will select the recipient. Application deadline is March 12, 2015.

Rafferty Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded annually to a worthy geography graduate or undergraduate student who is a member of and an active participant in the Beta Psi Chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon at Kansas State University. The scholarship is named in honor of Milton and Emma Jean Rafferty and provides financial assistance to a student enrolled in the Department of Geography. Any current undergraduate geography major or graduate student enrolled during the 2014–2015 academic year is eligible for this scholarship. The value of the scholarship is $500.00. Application deadline is 12 March, 2015. Receipt of the Milton and Emma Jean Rafferty Scholarship does not preclude the award winner from receiving any additional scholarships awarded at Kansas State University. If you are interested in being considered for this Scholarship, please turn in the following materials by the application deadline to the Department of Geography main office: 1) a one-page essay describing the importance of geography for attaining your professional goals, and 2) two letters of recommendation from instructors (letters should be sent to the department head, if sent separately). Applicants may also mail their completed packets to: Rafferty Scholarship, 118 Seaton Hall, Department of Geography, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. The Department of Geography Scholarship Committee will select the recipient.

Huber Self Scholarship: The Self Scholarship is supported by Alumni and Friends of the Department of Geography and is bestowed in the name of Professor Emeritus Huber Self. Professor Self retired in 1980 after having devoted more than 33 years of his professional life to the advancement of Geography at Kansas State University. He authored textbooks and atlases on the Geography of Kansas and numerous articles in professional journals. Huber Self passed away in 2011 at the age of 97. Any current undergraduate geography major enrolled during the 2014-2015 academic year is eligible for this scholarship.
Application deadline is 12 March, 2015. The value of the Huber Self Scholarship is $500.00. Receipt of the Huber Self Scholarship does not preclude the award winner from receiving any additional scholarships awarded at Kansas State University. If you are interested in being considered for this Scholarship, please turn in the following materials by the application deadline to the Department of Geography main office: 1) a one-page essay describing the importance of geography for attaining your professional goals, and 2) two letters of recommendation from instructors (letters should be sent to the department head, if sent separately). Applicants may also mail their completed packets to: Self Scholarship, 118 Seaton Hall, Department of Geography, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. The Department of Geography Scholarship Committee will select the recipient.

**Seyler Undergraduate GIScience Scholarship**: This scholarship is supported by Alumni, Friends, and Faculty of the Department of Geography, and is named for emeritus faculty member H.L. “Sy” Seyler. Dr. Seyler devoted nearly three decades of professional service to the advancement of geography and geographic information science at Kansas State University. Any current undergraduate geography major enrolled with at least junior standing during the 2014-2015 academic year is eligible for this scholarship. Application deadline is 12 March, 2015. The value of the Seyler Undergraduate GIScience scholarship is $500.00. Receipt of the Seyler Scholarship does not preclude the award winner from receiving any additional scholarships awarded at Kansas State University. If you are interested in being considered for this Scholarship, please turn in the following materials by the application deadline to the Department of Geography main office: 1) a one-page narrative discussing accomplishments and future plans for using geospatial technologies in geographical research or employment, and 2) two letter of recommendation from instructors (letters should be sent to the department head, if sent separately). Applicants may also mail their completed packets to: Seyler GIScience Scholarship, 118 Seaton Hall, Department of Geography, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on the completed narrative, cumulative grade point average, instructor assessments from geospatial technology courses, and two letters of recommendation. The Department of Geography Scholarship Committee will select the recipient.

**Robert H. Williams Undergraduate Geography Scholarship**: This scholarship is awarded annually to a worthy geography major. The scholarship is named in honor of Robert H. Williams and provides financial assistance to undergraduate students enrolled in the Department of Geography at Kansas State University. Any current undergraduate geography major enrolled during the 2014-2015 academic year is eligible for this scholarship. Application deadline is 12 March, 2015. The value of the Williams Scholarship is $500. Receipt of the Robert H. Williams Scholarship does not preclude the award winner from receiving any additional scholarships awarded at Kansas State University. If you are interested in being considered for this Scholarship, please turn in the following materials by the application deadline to the Department of Geography main office: 1) a one-page essay describing the importance of geography for attaining your professional goals, and 2) two letters of recommendation from instructors (letters should be sent to the department head, if sent separately). Applicants may also mail their completed packets to: Williams Scholarship, 118 Seaton Hall, Department of Geography, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on the completed essay, cumulative grade point average, and two letters of recommendation. The Department of Geography Scholarship Committee will select the recipient.

**Department of Geography Graduate Research Grant (GGRG) Competition**: The Geography Department solicits proposals to directly support thesis or dissertation research activities. Examples of supported activities include: travel to field sites, purchases/rentals of equipment, or other resources (computer cluster time, data sets, software, etc.). Salary requests to support the graduate student applicant will not be considered, nor will travel requests to attend conferences or workshops. The amount and number of awards will vary from year to year depending on available funds and the quality of applications. Individual grants will not normally exceed $3,000. Applicants must be currently enrolled full time Geography graduate students in good academic standing and making satisfactory progress toward degree completion. Master’s students may apply for support during their first year in the program. Doctoral students must be admitted to candidacy by the time funds would be disbursed (June 1). Successful applicants may apply to subsequent RFP’s providing they still meet eligibility requirements.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the merit. However, applicants who can demonstrate that they have actively sought external sources of research funding will have a significant advantage in this competition. Required Application Materials include: 1) a completed and signed routing form (found at: [http://www.k-state.edu/geography/academics/forms.html](http://www.k-state.edu/geography/academics/forms.html)), 2) a five-page research proposal focusing on the specific application of the grant funds and its relevance to the larger thesis or dissertation project, 3) a 250-word abstract summarizing item #2, 4) a detailed budget (a worksheet template can be found at: [http://www.k-state.edu/geography/academics/forms.html](http://www.k-state.edu/geography/academics/forms.html)), 5) a detailed budget justification (not to exceed one page), and 6) a brief supporting letter from the applicant’s primary advisor. Please submit four copies of your complete application package to the Graduate Program Director (Dr. Douglas Goodin) by April 1, 2015.

**Rumsey Bissell Marston Scholarship**: This scholarship was established to support graduate students in Geography at Kansas State University who are pursuing theses or dissertations centered in physical/environmental geography. The scholarship honors the memory of R.B. Marston, a lifelong educator, who attributed his achievements to hard work, a positive outlook and effective mentoring. The thesis/dissertation project must involve a significant level of well-conceived fieldwork. Preferably, the project should explore one of the following two themes: 1) separate human effects on the environment from changes that would have occurred without human interference; and/or 2) explain the integration between geomorphology, hydrology and other biophysical processes. The lack of other sources of direct financial support for the student’s thesis/dissertation should also be considered. A thesis/dissertation proposal, approved by the student’s committee, shall be the basis for judging applications.
along with a letter of application from the student. Guidelines for preparing a proposal are listed below. These guidelines will be used by the Graduate Committee to rank applications. Recipients receive a cash award (the amount varies from year-to-year), a framed certificate, and have their names engraved on a plaque that is displayed in the department. Application deadline is 1 April, 2015.

Guidelines for Preparing a Thesis/Dissertation Proposal R.B. Marston Scholarship:

I. Introduction: Problem Statement (one concise sentence) & significance (who would potentially be interested in your study?) (place your study in the context of bigger problems); Purpose (one sentence) and Objectives (itemize the major research questions); and Study Area (location and description; justify your choice of study area…is it just convenient or especially well-suited to achieve purpose & objectives?)

II. Literature Review (sub-sections for each major research objective): demonstrate that you are familiar with the literature on this topic; summarize what is already understood and what is still NOT well understood; do competing schools of thought exist? Has the topic been studied anywhere? If so, what was found? What remains to be understood? And has it been studied in your study area? If so, previous findings? If not, what might be different about your study area?

III. Methodology (sub-sections for each major research objective): justify why each procedure is needed and why that particular method is best suited; techniques of data acquisition: what, how many, where, how often…field, lab, remote sensing, map interpretation; and techniques of data analysis: lab work, statistics, computer analyses, etc.

Additional Material for Proposals: expected form of the results (text, figures, maps, computer model, etc.), timetable (list of tasks for each objective and when that work will be undertaken), budget (outline the expected costs and sources of funding), and where will findings be reported: thesis, journal publication, and professional meeting.

Job Opportunities

Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, MN: Gustavus Adolphus College invites applications for a full-time, one-year position of Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography to begin September 1, 2015. The department seeks candidates who have an earned doctorate in Geography (or a related field), but will consider candidates who have achieved ABD status. Candidates must have demonstrated excellence in teaching. A commitment to undergraduate teaching is essential. Primary teaching responsibilities will include courses in earth science and human-environment interactions such as Hydrology and Water Resources; Nature and Society; Introduction to Physical Geography; and a course in the instructor's area of expertise. Electronic application is required; email application materials as PDFs to geography-search@gustavus.edu. The application materials must include a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statements of teaching philosophy and research interests, and transcripts (scanned copies acceptable). Three confidential letters of professional recommendation (sent directly from the reference or letter service) will be requested from finalists. The cover letter and letters of recommendation should be addressed to: Dr. Anna Versluis, Chair - Department of Geography, Gustavus Adolphus College, 800 W College Ave, Saint Peter, MN 56082-1498. Application information is also available at www.gustavus.edu/jobs. For more details, visit the College's website at www.gustavus.edu/provost/newfaculty/ or contact Dr. Anna Versluis at geography-search@gustavus.edu. Review of applications will begin on March 23, 2015, and continue until the position is filled.

University of Minnesota-Duluth, MN: The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Minnesota Duluth anticipates hiring a one-year visiting faculty appointment to begin August of 2015. The department seeks a broadly-based earth scientist for a one-year sabbatical replacement position. The successful candidate will teach four courses in geology or environmental sciences that help fill the curricular needs, including geomorphology and/or structural geology. Appointment at the Visiting Assistant Professor level is preferred and requires the completion of a PhD, however, applicants with appropriate qualifications who are still ABD will be considered. Review of applications is expected to begin on March 31, and will continue until the position is filled. Please contact Dr. Howard Mooers (hmoovers@d.umn.edu), Earth & Environmental Sciences Department Head for more information.

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