

Center for Coastal Studies Scholarships for Master's Student Research and/or Travel

Fall Semester Awards

The Center for Coastal Studies offers a number of scholarships and fellowships that seek to recognize the scholastic achievements of full-time, master's degree students in the coastal and marine science fields. Individuals and their families who wish to provide monetary awards to students aspiring to enter the fields of coastal and marine sciences have established these scholarships through generous contributions. Scholarships are competitive and based on high academic achievements, interests, and ability as well as financial need. It is an honor to be selected as a recipient for these scholarships. The Center for Coastal Studies is proud to offer these opportunities to deserving students

This overview of scholarships is intended to provide the prospective applicant with information on each scholarship, as well as instructions for submission of applications. A research prospectus and detailed budget are required for all applications.

Millicent Quammen Memorial Scholarship

The Millicent Quammen Memorial Scholarship Fund is an endowed scholarship fund established in honor of Dr. Millicent L. Quammen by her family and friends. Dr. Quammen approached her scientific research with the highest professional standards, conducting ecological studies on the Pacific and Gulf coasts on shorebird utilization of intertidal mudflats, estuarine ecology, and wetlands mitigation. Her research in the Laguna Madre system focused on the roles of contaminants and nutrients in seagrass distribution. Dr. Quammen served as station Leader for the USGS Corpus Christi Field Research Station, as well as contributed to the education community by establishing a Cooperative Agreement between USGS and Center for Coastal Studies and as an active member of the Strategic Planning Project for the Corpus Christi Independent School District. Her involvement in scientific professional societies, her community, her family, and all who worked for and with her exemplified her thorough and involved approach to life. The scholarship was established to assist graduate students studying in the field of marine, coastal, and environmental science. The funding is provided to assist students in attending scientific meetings, underwriting field trips, purchasing research equipment, or funding other opportunities that benefit the professional development of the student. One \$500-\$1,000 scholarship is given annually.

Hans and Patricia Suter Endowment

The "Suter" name is synonymous with environmental advocacy and protection in the Texas Coastal Bend. The Suter family established this endowed scholarship to honor the life and works of Dr. Hans Suter and his wife Patricia. Dr. Suter was a scientist, teacher, environmentalist, communicator, and leader. His book, *A Voice of Reason, Environmental Insights*, was a compilation of his articles for the Corpus Christi Caller-

Times published over a 20-year period. Pat Suter, professor, scientist, environmental activist, and community leader has carried on Dr. Suter's successful role in environmental advocacy. Recipients of these scholarships will receive funding for environmental research activities focused within the coastal zone of Texas. Several \$500-\$1,000 scholarships are given annually.

Henry Hildebrand Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2003 in honor of this famous marine scientist. Dr. Hildebrand pioneered scientific research along the Texas and Mexico coast, establishing baseline information that has been used as conservation and long-term monitoring benchmarks. In addition, Dr. Hildebrand was the founder of the marine science program at TAMU-CC (then the University of Corpus Christi in 1957). The scholarship will be used to underwrite graduate research in marine, coastal, and estuarine sciences. One \$500-\$1,000 scholarship will be given annually.

Part I. Eligibility Requirements:

1. Currently enrolled as **master's** degree student taking at least 6 hrs at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Department of Physical & Environmental Sciences or Department of Life Sciences
2. Not currently on scholastic probation or with other official holds on academic records

Part II. Application Process

Students interested in applying for scholarship/fellowship must complete a scholarship application. Please follow the instructions in Part III below to submit your application. Only one application is necessary. If your application is chosen for funding, the scholarship committee will decide which scholarship is the best fit for your application.

All applications, including supporting material, must be received by **5 PM on October 1** (or following Monday if October 1 falls on a weekend) and **MUST** be submitted electronically to:

Dr. Kim Withers, Chair
CCS Scholarship Selection Committee
Kim.Withers@tamucc.edu

Part III. Application Instructions

1. Write a cover letter containing your contact information and a brief statement of your overall goals/objectives, financial need, and how the scholarship will help you meet your goals.

2. Attach a brief (typed, up to 2 pages, single-spaced) research prospectus describing your thesis project. It should include background and relevance, objectives/hypotheses, approach, and the expected benefits of the study.
3. If you are applying to obtain funding for travel to a scientific meeting to present a paper, provide a copy of the abstract that was accepted and the organization, dates and location of the meeting. A copy of the Call for Papers or the website advertising the meeting is acceptable.
4. Provide a detailed budget for the project and budget justification that explains how scholarship funds will be used to enhance the project (typed, single-spaced). Also show other sources of funding and how they will be used for the project. If you have applied to other funding sources, provide a list of those sources and the amounts for which you have applied.
5. Provide transcripts (unofficial are acceptable) and a CV or resume as supporting materials and the names, phone numbers and email addresses of three references.