NEW MEXICO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS-IN-AID

Competitive Awards:

FRANK E. KOTTLOWSKI RESEARCH AWARD:
Awarded annually to a graduate student attending a New Mexico University at the NMGS Annual Spring Meeting based on Grants-in-Aid applications. Selection is made by the NMGS Scholarship Committee. Thesis/dissertation topic must be in New Mexico. Applications mailed in late fall/early winter to geoscience degree-granting universities and colleges in New Mexico.

Focus: Excellence in New Mexico graduate thesis/dissertation research
Awarded: Annually at the Spring Meeting luncheon
To: Graduate (M.S. or PhD.) geoscience student
Selection: NMGS Scholarship Committee via Grants-in-Aid application. The top ranked grant-in-aid applicant will receive the Kottlowski Research Award.
Amount: $2,500

GRANTS-IN-AID
Awarded every spring to support research in New Mexico by graduate students attending a New Mexico University. Amount may vary, but is a maximum of $2000 per award. Selection is made by the NMGS Scholarship Committee. Applications and other information available on NMGS web site; deadline for submission of applications is typically the 3rd Friday in February. Grant-in-Aid applicants are automatically eligible for the Kottlowski Research Award. The top-ranked grant-in-aid applicant will receive the Kottlowski Research Award rather than a grant-in-aid.

A graduate student may also apply for a Graduate Mentorship Grant (up to $1500) as an additional funding increment to a “grant-in-aid” application. These grants allow a graduate student to employ and closely mentor an undergraduate student in research activities for a year. A brief statement of the anticipated duties and research training to be provided the undergraduate student can be added to the graduate student’s grant-in-aid application.

Focus: Support of student research in New Mexico.
Awarded: Annually during the Spring Semester
To: Graduate (M.S. or PhD.) geoscience student
Selection: NMGS Scholarship Committee via Grants-in-Aid application.
Amount: Up to $2000 per award (or up to a total of $3500 if Graduate Mentorship funding is requested)

LUCILLE H. PIPKIN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS:
Lucille H. Pipkin Undergraduate Research Awards will be made to undergraduate students attending eligible New Mexico institutions who are undertaking faculty-supervised research in New Mexico leading to completion of an undergraduate research thesis or report. Students will submit proposals using the same guidelines and requirements as for the Graduate Grants-in-Aid Scholarships.

a) Eligible institutions are those with formal undergraduate research programs. The committee which selects the forwarded proposals will be informed that only proposals involving a substantial component of geoscience research will be considered for funding.

b) The maximum award will not be greater than $1500.

c) A listing of submitted proposals, including abstracts, will be posted prominently at the Spring Meeting. A similar posting of proposals receiving grant awards will be made at the following Fall Field Conference, where recipients will also be recognized at the banquet.

Focus: Support of undergraduate research in New Mexico.
Awarded: Annually during the Spring Semester
To: Undergraduate students pursuing supervised research projects
Selection: NMGS Scholarship Committee via Grants-in-Aid application.
Amount: $1500 maximum per award.
OUTSTANDING STUDENT PAPERS
Awarded every Spring to the best oral and best poster presentations by a student during the annual Spring Meeting. Selections are made by a panel of judges. Solicitation for Best Paper judges is the responsibility of the technical chair(s) for the Spring Meeting.

Focus: Recognize and award the best geoscience presentations
Awarded: Annually after ranking during the Spring Meeting
To: Students who prepare the best geoscience paper representing principally the work of that student
Selection: Panel of judges chosen by the Spring Meeting technical chair(s)
Amount: $100 each for the best oral and best poster presentation

Non-competitive Awards:

LUCILLE H. PIPKIN SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP:
Awarded annually to a deserving geoscience major who will be a Senior the following academic year. Selection is made by the geoscience scholarship committees at ENMU, NMHU, NMIMT, NMSU, and UNM. The department must anticipate that, in addition to overall merit, the student will receive a geoscience degree by the end of the school year following that in which the award is made.

Focus: Support for undergraduate education
Awarded: Annually in the Spring
To: Undergraduate geoscience students who will be Seniors the following year.
Selection: Scholarship committee at the appropriate school
Amount: $500 each

LUCILLE H. PIPKIN BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS:
Awarded in the spring to undergraduate geoscience students to help defray the costs of textbooks. Up to three $150 scholarships available to each New Mexico school offering a geoscience course. Selection is made by faculty at the appropriate institution.

Focus: Support of undergraduate education by defraying costs of text books.
Awarded: Annually during the Spring Semester
To: Eligible undergraduate students
Selection: Scholarship committee at the appropriate school.
Amount: $150 maximum per award

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD:
Award of $100 plus a copy of NMGS Special Publication 11 (Geology of New Mexico) to the outstanding graduating senior in geosciences at WNMU.

Focus: Recognize and reward outstanding graduating seniors
Awarded: Annually in the spring
To: Senior geoscience student
Selection: Geoscience departments at WNMU
Amount: $100 plus a copy of NMGS Special Publication 11.
ROBERT WELLNITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Awarded annually at the Fall Field Conference. Recipient must be a graduate student at UNM, NMIMT, or NMSU, and whose thesis/dissertation is field oriented and is in New Mexico. The recipient must attend the Fall Field Conference Banquet in order to receive this award. The award is rotated among the Geoscience Departments at UNM, NMIMT, and NMSU. Selection is made by faculty at the institution of the recipient.

Focus: Excellence in field-oriented graduate work in New Mexico
Awarded: Annually during the Fall Field Conference banquet
To: Graduate (M.S. or PhD.) geoscience student
Selection: Scholarship committee at the appropriate university
Amount: $1000 award
Rotation: NMIMT 2010 2013 2016
         NMSU 2011 2014 2017
         UNM 2012 2015 2018

BEVERLY WELLNITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Awarded annually at the Fall Field Conference. Recipient must be a graduate student at UNM, NMIMT, or NMSU, and whose thesis/dissertation is field oriented and is in New Mexico. The recipient must attend the Fall Field Conference Banquet in order to receive this award. The award is rotated among the Geoscience Departments at UNM, NMIMT, and NMSU. Selection is made by faculty at the institution of the recipient.

Focus: Excellence in academic graduate work in New Mexico
Awarded: Annually during the Fall Field Conference banquet
To: Graduate (M.S. or PhD.) geoscience student
Selection: Scholarship committee at the appropriate university
Amount: $500 award (for each of two recipients)
Rotation: NMIMT 2017 2018 2020 2021 2023
         NMSU 2018 2019 2021 2022 2024
         UNM 2017 2019 2020 2022 2023

FALL FIELD CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS:
Variable amount. Awarded annually prior to the NMGS Fall Field Conference to defray the cost of attending the conference for deserving students. Selection by the scholarship committee at the respective schools. Two graduate and two undergraduate students at each New Mexico university offering earth science related degrees are eligible. Depending on the availability of funding, the Executive Committee may extend this award to recipients at other colleges and universities in New Mexico.

Focus: Support for student attendance at the NMGS Fall Field Conference
Awarded: Annually prior to the Fall Field Conference
To: Two undergraduates at each of the schools offering geoscience curricula, and two graduate geoscience students at the schools offering graduate geoscience degrees.
Selection: Scholarship committee at the appropriate university
Amount: Fall Field Conference registration fee waived, plus a stipend (contingent upon available funds) to help with lodging or other expenses.

STUDENT SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS:
Awarded to outstanding presentation of geoscience-oriented science fair projects submitted for competition. Selection by judges at regional New Mexico science fairs and by judges at the New Mexico State Science and Engineering Fair. All science fair regions are eligible.

Focus: Recognize and reward excellence in geoscience-oriented science fair projects
Awarded: Annually in the spring for the Regional and State Science Fairs
To: Junior and Senior science fair winners in the earth science category
Selection: Science Fair judges
Amount: Two awards are available for each Regional Science Fair at $100 each.
         Two awards are available for the State Science and Engineering Fair at $100 each.