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**Undergraduate Student Research Award Program**

**Spring 2023**

**Announcement**

What: Funds are now available from the Humboldt Marine and Coastal Science Institute to support undergraduate research projects.

Who: The program is available to undergraduate students enrolled at Humboldt State University and propose an activity on a marine- or coastal-related subject. The student must be in good academic standing (GPA > 2.0) and work with an HSU COAST faculty advisor. Students are encouraged to submit joint applications when appropriate. A letter of recommendation from the faculty advisor is not required.

When Can I Apply: Proposals can be submitted anytime between Feb. 3-Apr. 15, 2023. Upon submission we will review your proposal and make a decision within 10 working days. If you are denied funds, you may resubmit a revised proposal during the following semester (Fall 2023).

How Much: up to $500 may be requested for supplies, software, fees (including joint applications).

How to Apply: Read the FAQs below, fill out the application form, and follow the instructions for submission. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

Direct questions to Dr. Paul Bourdeau: peb112@humboldt.edu

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the Humboldt Marine & Coastal Science Institute?**

*The institute is a community of Cal Poly Humboldt students and faculty actively engaged in interdisciplinary research on marine and coastal systems in the northern California region. This research occurs at the interface of the sciences, policy, and economics, and supports partnerships with local, national, and international organizations. We hope to serve as a forum for coordinated development, funding, and execution of marine and coastal science research, education, and outreach efforts on campus as well as a contact point for community members, such as individuals, non-profits, schools, and tribes, and for state and national agencies involved in marine science and policy work.*

1. **What is the goal of this funding opportunity?**

*To support undergraduate students interested in marine-related careers and provide them with the opportunity to obtain the skills necessary to join a highly skilled, technologically advanced workforce in the marine sciences.*

1. **What are the eligibility requirements to apply for a grant?**

*Students must be enrolled at Humboldt State University and propose an activity on a marine-related subject. The students must be in good academic standing (GPA > 2.0) and work with an Cal Poly Humboldt COAST faculty advisor. A letter of recommendation from the faculty advisor is not required.*

1. **What does it take to be a Cal Poly Humboldt COAST faculty?**

*Faculty can be instructors, research associates, post-docs or on tenure-track at Cal Poly Humboldt. COAST is open to anyone in the CSU with an interest in marine and coastal affairs.*

1. **What types of projects are supported by this opportunity?**

*The scope of topics that can be supported include:*

* *The open and coastal ocean;*
* *Coastal zones (bays, estuaries, beaches);*
* *Coastal watersheds to the extent that the organism, material or process ultimately articulates with the coast (e.g., anadromous fish, surface and groundwater flow and water quality, land use, etc.).*
1. **What budget items are supported by this opportunity?**

*Undergraduate students may request up to $500. Examples of research-related expenses include, but are not limited to:*

* *Research supplies or materials;*
* *Travel to field site to collect samples or gather interviews or to an off-campus facility to analyze samples;*
* *Rentals fees for boats, SCUBA or other specialized equipment;*
* *Sample analysis costs;*
* *Purchase of specialized software or equipment to analyze samples or data, including socioeconomic data.*

NOTE*: Funds requested for travel are a low priority for this opportunity and must be well justified to be considered. We do not support travel to meetings or workshops. Request for wages or tuition are also not supported.*

1. **When do funds have to be used?**

*Funds can be used to support activities occurring between Feb. 3, 2023 and Aug. 31, 2023. The funds must be spent or encumbered by Aug. 31, 2023.*

1. **What should I write for the project description?**

*The project description should describe the research or activity you propose to conduct in a clear and concise statement and address how the project will help you achieve your career goals. The description should describe the context for the activity, the hypotheses to be tested (if any), and the methodology to be used in the study. Projects can involve more than one student. Faculty input is strongly encouraged but the description should be written by the student.*

1. **How will projects be evaluated?**

*Proposal will be ranked on the importance of the research, the likelihood of project completion, the impact on student success, and the need for support. Those who have not received prior funding, or funding from other sources, are given priority. Joint proposals are encouraged but funding is still limited to $500 per proposal.*

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**AY 2022-2023 Application Form**

**Application Deadline: Anytime between Feb. 3, 2023 and Apr. 15, 2023**

Instructions: read the student research award FAQ before completing

* Complete this form and save this file as *LastName\_FirstName.doc;*
* Include a copy of your CV/Resume;
* Email both as an attachment to Dr. Paul Bourdeau: peb112@humboldt.edu

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| **Student Applicant Information** |
| First Name: |   | Department or Degree Program: |   |
| Last Name:  |   | GPA in Major Courses: |   |
| Student ID#: |   | Anticipated graduation date (mm/yy): |   |
| Area of interest: |   | Degree Sought (BA, BS, MS):  |   |
| Email: |   | Phone:  |   |

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| Have you previously received an MCSI Research Award? (Y/N) |   |
| If yes, please provide year of award and amount: |   |

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| **Faculty Advisor Information** |
| First Name: |   | Email: |   |
| Last Name:  |   |  Phone: |   |
| Department: |   |  |
| Position/Title: |   |

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| **Research Project Title**: |   |

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| **Is this project part of a specific course? If so, which course:** |  |

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| **Project Description:** Please describe the research or activity you propose to conduct in a clear and concise statement *in the space provided* and address how the project will help you achieve your career goals (do not change the typeface or size of the font in this form). Faculty input is encouraged but the description should be written by the student. Proposals are ranked based on the importance of the research, likelihood of project completion, and impact on student success.  |
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| **Brief summary of budget request** ($500 maximum; including joint proposals)List and justify all budget requests.  |
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| **Describe other sources of support you have for this project (if any):** |
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