

## Master's Student Grants – Call for Applications

The Master's Student Grants are made possible by the Department of Biological Sciences at Humboldt State University. Funds are distributed to students through one grant allocation per year, which is administered by the Master's Student Grant Program Committee.

To be eligible, graduate students must be registered during the semester in which the grant is given and when the funds are actually spent. There is no maximum limit to the amounts awarded; however, due to current funding constraints, the awards rarely exceed \$300. The Department desires to support as many legitimate proposals as possible, so multiple awards are made every year. Expenses already incurred may be included in proposals.

Decisions are made on the basis of such factors as:

- 1) strength of the proposal,
- 2) academic record,
- 3) progress toward the degree, and
- 4) need for the funds to complete the degree.

Grant proposals for equipment, supplies, travel expenses, and other research needs are considered. Small awards (i.e., \$100–200) may be given for travel to scientific meetings for the purpose of presenting a paper. Funds may not be used for living expenses, typing, copying, or binding of a student's thesis.

A report, including receipts, on how funds were used must be submitted to the Biological Sciences Department Office at biosci@humboldt.edu by the sixth week of the semester following receipt of the award money, no exceptions! The report may be a formal scientific research paper or a detailed memo describing how the funds were used. Failure to submit the report, including receipts, will prevent the applicant from receiving additional awards, no exceptions! Support from Master's Student Grant funds should be acknowledged in the thesis and publications resulting from the work.

Proposals should be organized according to the guidelines listed below. Failure to follow those guidelines may lead to a proposal not being considered.

Announcement of awards will be made by late April.