GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

RASMUSON FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER
SCHOOL OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DUE DATE: 28 January 2005

RESEARCH SUBJECT AREAS FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals should address one of five target areas:

1. Ecology, biology, distribution and systematics of target and non-target species;
2. Stocks and life history responses to physical and biotic conditions;
3. Genetic and survival studies of Alaskan fish and shellfish;
4. Studies using an ecosystem approach focusing on fluctuations of fishery; or
5. Research and development aimed toward shellfish culture Interactions of forage species with marine mammals, marine birds and fishery species

AWARD CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

1. Awards will be made to support excellence in graduate student research. The Award is not a Research Assistantship, but a Fellowship in recognition of scholastic excellence. Awards are open to any full-time or prospective UAF graduate student.
2. Research should produce findings with a potential for continued development as a scientific or applied initiative.
3. Projects should be distinctive and make an original contribution to existing knowledge.
4. Projects should have potential economic value to the fishing industry and contribute to long-term benefits for Alaska.
5. Awards are contingent on receipt of research funding from other sources. The award cannot be used for research expenses.
6. Proposals should be submitted jointly by a graduate student and faculty member, or in cases where a student has not yet been selected, the faculty member is encouraged to apply.

7. Awards are renewable, but must be applied for year to year

FORMAT OF PROPOSALS

Proposals should be submitted in both hard copy and electronic format (Microsoft Word), contain the following sections, and be limited to three or four pages. Supporting documentation should accompany the hard copy.

1. **Objective.**

2. **Background and need.**

3. **Prior achievements.** In cases where the project is on going and has had other support, please list achievements of the project, or if appropriate, achievements of related projects of the graduate student and his/her professor.

4. **Milestones.** Anticipated goals for this research for the coming year should be given. Provide an estimate of approximate number of months required for each goal. Estimate when the project will be completed.

5. **Budget.** Rasmusson Fellowships are annual awards (July 2005- June 2006) that provide a student stipend and tuition to recipients. The fellowship amount is based on the degree sought, the number of years completed, and whether the student has advanced to candidacy. Occasionally, a fellowship will be awarded for only one semester. Please refer to the following chart to determine fellowship amounts.

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<th>Student Type</th>
<th>Rate/hr</th>
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<td>GPMSL M.S. before comps.</td>
<td>12.90</td>
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<td>14.00</td>
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<td>Fisheries M.S. first year</td>
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<td>Fisheries M.S. second yr and beyond</td>
<td>14.00</td>
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<td>15.10</td>
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<td>Ph.D. after Adv. To Candidacy</td>
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A six month fellowship would be 1/2 the salary and only one semester of tuition.
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<th>Type</th>
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<td>Graduate</td>
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<td>Non resident surcharge</td>
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Give the information on funding needs for the student as follows: State the proposed start and ending dates, the degree sought, the number of years completed, and whether the student has advanced to candidacy.

Since research costs cannot be funded within this award, please state how research costs will be met, i.e. Show additional sources of funding applied for or received, Awards will be made contingent on this funding.

6. **Transcripts.** Students must submit a copy of their undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

DEADLINE:

Proposals must be received by midnight **28 January 2005**, or postmarked by this date. Proposals will be reviewed March 2005, and awards announced by 1 April 2005. Funding will be available on 1 July 2005.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

Proposals should be submitted to:

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