

2020 Call for Undergraduate Research Applications

Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation

General description:

To promote undergraduate research in the disciplines of fisheries, wildlife biology, ecology, and management in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation at Virginia Tech, the department has established the FWC Undergraduate Research Program through the support of donors, college, and departmental funds. The program makes competitive awards to support undergraduate research by students majoring in fish or wildlife conservation and mentored by departmental faculty. ***Students must work with and have the commitment of a faculty mentor in preparation of their proposal. Requests from individual funds cannot exceed \$2,000. Students can apply to more than one fund.*** More information is available at: www.fishwild.vt.edu/policy/FWC_UG_FELLOWSHIPS_PROGRAM.pdf.

Deadlines:

Applications, including the student's statement and the faculty member's support letter, must be upload at the following link by **5:00 PM on 17 February 2020**. [SUBMIT PROPOSAL](#)

Applications will consist of two parts:

- 1) a one-to-two-page statement prepared by the student that briefly describes the project and budget, the student's past preparation to undertake the project, future career plans, and the funding source of interest;
- 2) a letter of commitment from the faculty mentor clearly indicating the faculty member's willingness to support the student, the role of the project in the larger research endeavors of the laboratory, and any matching support available to assist in completing the project. Funds are listed below and may have additional restrictions. Students should construct their project descriptions and personal statements to clearly indicate how they meet any additional restrictions associated with individual funds.

Funding sources:

Camp-Younts Foundation Wildlife Undergraduate Research Fund—The Camp-Younts Foundation and its trustee, Hal S. Atkinson, established this endowment to support students interested in the conservation and management of wildlife game species. Hal served as the chief of the Division of Wildlife Management of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and has a deep passion for the conservation and management of game species.

The researcher(s) chosen to receive support from this fund shall be:

- An undergraduate student majoring in wildlife conservation option of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation within the College of Natural Resources and Environment.
- Students conducting the research shall be residents of Virginia or North Carolina with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Preference for use of funds will be given to support undergraduate research of issues related to wildlife game species in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

Departmental Diversity Undergraduate Research Award—The faculty of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation are committed to promoting diversity and developing and maintaining an inclusive environment in our classrooms and laboratories, and in the fish and wildlife conservation professions. In recognition of this commitment, the department strives to annually fund the research of one or more students from historically under-represented groups in fish and wildlife conservation.

The researcher(s) chosen to receive support under this program should:

- Be from an under-represented group in the fish and wildlife conservation professions including, but not limited to, ethnic and racial minorities, first-generation college students, students from low-income areas, students with disabilities, student from the LGBTQ community, females, etc.
- Preference will be given to students with sophomore or junior standing.

Department Undergraduate Research Award—The faculty of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation strive to support all students. Therefore, in the spirit of inclusion, the department offers awards in this category with no specific restrictions or preferences.