

Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium Inc. Honours & Graduate Student Scholarship

Background - The Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium (LWRC) is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1998 following evidence of water quality deterioration related to the 1997 Red River flood. The LWRC was incorporated in Manitoba in 2001 and received charitable status in 2008. Membership in the LWRC has grown to 32 agencies representing various government and university departments, and corporate and other groups.

The objectives of the LWRC are to:

- Coordinate scientific research on Lake Winnipeg to gain a better understanding of the biological, chemical and physical processes that are critical to the Lake's well-being;
- Create educational opportunities and increase public awareness of the ecology of Lake Winnipeg and environmental issues facing the Lake; and
- Provide a research platform, the M.V. *Namao*, for research and education on Lake Winnipeg.

As part of its Science and Education programming, the LWRC, with support from the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU), Stornoway Productions and individual donors, has established a scholarship fund for honours and graduate students to encourage and promote research initiatives on Lake Winnipeg and in its watershed.

What is the value of the scholarship? - \$5,000 will be offered annually.

Who can apply? - The LWRC Scholarship is open to honours and graduate students who are enrolled full-time at a Canadian university and have achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

Recipients will be selected based on project merit with consideration also given to academic standing and financial need.

What can funds be used for? - The LWRC student scholarship may be used to defray costs associated with student travel, stipend support, and the purchase of supplies and equipment required to carry out research projects.

Deadline - November 15th, 2011.

Application Procedure - Submit a completed application form (below), cover letter and one letter of support by email to: Dr. Karen Scott, LWRC Science Program Coordinator at kjs@lakewinnipegresearch.org.

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APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

University:

Department:

Degree sought:

Advisor's name:

Advisor's contact:

RESEARCH PROJECT

Provide a one to two page description of your research including:

- A description of the problem;
- Your hypotheses;
- Objectives of your research;
- Methods to be employed; and
- A timeline for completion of your work.

FUNDING SUPPORT

Provide a brief description of the intended use of the LWRC Scholarship support.

List other sources of funding including teaching assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, bursaries and other.

Note: Stipend support will count as income and is therefore taxable, while research expenses are fully deductible. Funds are provided directly to the student, who is therefore responsible for record keeping and accounting of all expenditures for income tax purposes.