

## **EECB RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS**

Research and Travel Grants are offered every semester. The funding comes from the NSF GK-12 grants of Dr. Kaneshiro, and awardees are expected to contribute to the GK-12 program. All full-time EECB students are eligible for these awards, which are to cover research expenses (research awards) and travel expenses to attend scientific meetings or training workshops/seminars (travel awards). Research awards can not include stipend. This academic year the fall deadline is October 22. There will be no spring round of research and travel grants. You do not need to be an American citizen to receive a Research or Travel Grant. The amount of money available for these grants varies from one semester to the next, but in general a student will only be entitled to a maximum of \$5000 per year (1 July – 30 June) in combined Research and Travel Grants, which includes the Yoshimoto Scholarship but not the Maybelle Roth Scholarship (see below for Scholarships).

Criteria the Grants Committee will use in evaluating research proposals include relevance of research to EECB goals, importance/originality of the proposed research, feasibility of the project, etc.

For travel grants, the proposed presentation at a meeting must represent work done in the EECB program. Applications will be evaluated on a number of criteria. In particular, the Grants Committee will examine the student's statement of why this particular conference, workshop or seminar will forward her/his education or career. The Grants Committee is most likely to fund travel to meetings that allow students to present their research before a large audience that includes leaders in the student's field of interest and that will showcase the EECB Program in the best light possible. The Grants Committee is most likely to fund travel to workshops and seminars on topics that are extremely relevant to a student's research and in which instruction is not available locally. Students are entitled to one travel award per year (1 July – 30 June).

Involvement of students in EECB program will also be taken into consideration in awarding both Research and Travel Grants. Look at the forms the Grants Committee uses to guide its reviews of applications (they are available on this website), as these forms outline the criteria in more detail. Make sure that you address each criterion appropriately.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each spring semester EECB also offers the Maybelle Roth Scholarships and the Watson T. Yoshimoto Scholarships. The Maybelle Roth Scholarships are administered through the ARCS Foundation, while the Yoshimoto Scholarships are administered through EECB. Both are considered as EECB Scholarships. Applications for both are reviewed by the EECB Grants Committee. In both cases, applications are made in conjunction with a regular Research Grant application (above). Funds from the scholarships must be used in support of the research outlined in the application, with any remaining funds to be used for related academic purposes. Each Scholarship is awarded to a person only once during her/his tenure as an EECB student.

### **Maybelle Roth Scholarships**

The Maybelle Roth Scholarship is a \$5000 award. These scholarships are generally awarded to a relatively senior graduate student (but consult with the EECB Grants Committee for more information and advice). Only doctoral students who are US citizens are eligible. They are awarded in part on the basis of regular EECB Research Grant applications, but a major additional criterion on which applications are assessed is the student's academic accomplishments. If you are interested in

these scholarships, you must submit a regular Research Grant application. On that application, indicate that you are interested in competing for one of these awards and append an additional statement (1-2 pages) outlining your academic accomplishments (a narrative, not a repeat of your cv). A student who is awarded an EECB Maybelle Roth Scholarship is then eligible for the ARCS Student of the Year Award (this is not an EECB award), an additional award based on the merits of her/his accomplishments. The \$5000 award is given directly to the student.

### **Watson T. Yoshimoto Scholarships**

Mr. Yoshimoto, the benefactor of the Yoshimoto Scholarships, gave EECB an endowment that supports three \$2500 scholarships annually (these may be raised to \$3000 for 2008). These scholarships are open to any EECB student (you need not be an American citizen) who is doing research on “the conservation of wildlife existing on earth, including the preservation of the habitats where they live”. The quote is taken from the Memorandum of Understanding between Mr. Yoshimoto’s Foundation and UH. So, just about any EECB student whose research involves conservation biology of almost any organism can qualify. If you are interested in these scholarships, you must submit a regular Research Grant application. On that application, indicate that you are interested in competing for one of these awards and append an additional paragraph (about half a page) stating why your research will benefit wildlife conservation (note that Mr. Yoshimoto’s idea of “wildlife” was lions, bears, elephants, etc., but most research projects within EECB can be argued as having some bearing on this – ask the Grants Committee or especially Dr. Kaneshiro if you are unsure about this). The award is given directly to the student.

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