

# Marine Studies Initiative Student Awards

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The Marine Studies Initiative (MSI) is pleased to announce new Marine Studies Initiative Student Awards. These awards recognize and reward OSU undergraduate students who demonstrate outstanding scholarship and pursuits consistent with the transdisciplinary, collaborative, experiential learning and outreach vision and mission of MSI. We anticipate MSI Student Awards to be an annual opportunity continuing in future years, the amount dependent upon fund availability and thanks to generous donor support. To advance understanding of the complex social, cultural, historical, and economic nature of the marine environment, preference will be given to students studying these human dimensions of the coasts and ocean.

These Marine Studies Awards may be used to further the student's marine-related academic pursuits and experiences. Awards can cover expenses related to a student's undergraduate transdisciplinary endeavors, such as specific travel costs (to professional meetings, research experiences, internships, other experiential experiences/courses) directly related to academic pursuits; books and supplies purchases; and memberships to online academic software. MSI Student Awards will be up to \$500 per award. Awards will be distributed in one of two ways, depending on the nature of the awarded request: (a) funds moved into student's OSU account, or (b) MSI Office directly pays for travel, books, supplies, etc.

## **The MSI Student Awards are awarded using the following guidelines:**

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- Description of how your academics, activities and work experience fit the mission of MSI: to create a healthy future for our ocean and the planet through innovative approaches involving collaboration, experiential learning, engagement with society and problem solving (1 page only)
- Marine-related campus, community or professional activities (included in 1-page description)
- Explanation of how the funds would be used, including a budget.
- Preference will be given to students studying human dimensions of the ocean and coasts.
- To be eligible, you must be a current OSU undergraduate student at the time of funds being awarded.

Closing Date: is March 8, 2020.

Awardees Announced: Mid-March.