GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

There are three graduate student awards available to M.S. Biology students that are administered by the Department of Biological Sciences each year. THESE AWARDS ARE OPEN TO STUDENTS IN BOTH THE BIOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY CONCENTRATIONS. The actual award amount may vary from year-to-year as they are paid from investment earnings on endowments. These awards are:

**Marcia Davis Research Award** - awards up to $500 to support research toward the conservation of natural resources in Tennessee

**Dr. Denise Pav Scholarship Award** - awards up to $500 to students who are in their second (or third) year of graduate study in the M.S. Biology Program. (Only open to Americans, Canadians, or Landed Immigrants)

**William Harvey Fraley and Nina M. Fraley Memorial Research Award** - awards up to $500 to support research in molecular, cellular, or organismal biology

Applications will be solicited during the spring semester each year. Please check your departmental mailboxes regularly so that you don't miss the call for applications! For your convenience, application forms are included in your notebook. Please carefully follow directions!

Awards are made at the annual Honor's Day luncheon held by the Department of Biological Sciences in late spring.

**HINTS FOR WRITING APPLICATION** - Hopefully the following hints will help you prepare a competitive application for the awards.

1. Follow the directions!!!!
2. Project description: Your project description is limited to one page and must include all pertinent information and be readable by scientists who may not be an expert in your particular research area. Suggest: One paragraph of background information pertinent to your research; one paragraph stating your question/problem and why it is significant; 1-2 paragraphs on your research plan/experimental design and what you will learn; time table for completion of the work. Use a reasonable font size! but it can be single spaced, so a lot of info can be included. Have someone else read it over (in addition to your major prof.) so that you can try to make sure it is clearly written.
3. The budget needs to be real. A statement that the $$ will be used for expenses is not sufficient! If it is to be used to reimburse you for travel to collect samples or make observations, have an estimate of miles traveled and cost/mile. It is to be used for chemicals or supplies, have item, vendor, and costs listed.
4. If you are applying for more than one award, you must complete a separate application for each.
I wish to apply for the **MARCIA DAVIS Research Award**. This award supports research toward the conservation of natural resources in Tennessee -- up to $500.

Major Professor: ____________________________  Current GPA:___________

☐ I have an approved prospectus on file in the office

☐ I have passed my qualifying exam

Current support or grants pending:
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On a separate page, briefly describe your research project. Included in this description should be a statement of the problem, specific goals, preliminary results (if available), and a timetable to complete the research. *This description is limited to a single page.* Descriptions can be single-spaced with a reasonable font and font size (e.g. Arial 11).

**Budget:** In the following space, briefly describe how the Research Award will be used to further your planned research project. Be specific.

The student can apply for more than one departmental award (PAV, FRALEY, and DAVIS awards), but no one can receive more than one award in the same year.

Signature of Major Professor:
_______________________________________________
I will, if awarded a Research Award: (1) acknowledge the receipt of the award to Ms. Davis in writing, (2) submit a written report to the departmental graduate committee upon completion of the project, and (3) acknowledge the funding from this award in any publication forthcoming from this research.

Signed: ____________________________________________ Date: 
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GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD APPLICATION

RETURN TO RETURN TO DEPARTMENT CHAIR BY MARCH 1

NAME:______________________________________________DATE:____________________

I wish to apply for the DENISE PAV Research Award. This award is restricted to
students who are in their second (or third) year of graduate study in the M.S. Biology
Program -- up to $500. (Only open to Americans, Canadians, or Landed Immigrants)

Major Professor: ______________________________________ Current
GPA:____________

☐ I have an approved prospectus on file in the office

☐ I have passed my qualifying exam

Current support or grants pending:
_______________________________________________

On a separate page, briefly describe your research project. Included in this description
should be a statement of the problem, specific goals, preliminary results (if available),
and a timetable to complete the research. This description is limited to a single
page. Descriptions can be single-spaced with a reasonable font and font size (e.g. Arial
11).

Budget: In the following space, briefly describe how the Research Award will be used
to further your planned research project. Be specific.

The student can apply for all departmental awards (PAV, FRALEY, and DAVIS awards),
but no one can receive more than one award in the same year.

Signature of Major Professor:
____________________________________________________
I will, if awarded a Research Award: (1) acknowledge the receipt of the award to Dr. Pav in writing, (2) submit a written report to the departmental graduate committee upon completion of the project, and (3) acknowledge the funding from this award in any publication forthcoming from this research.

Signed: ___________________________________________________ Date: 

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GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD APPLICATION

RETURN TO DEPARTMENT CHAIR BY MARCH 1

NAME:______________________________________________DATE:______________

I wish to apply for the FRALEY MEMORIAL Research Award. This award supports graduate student research in cellular, molecular, or organismal biology (not conservation or population biology) -- up to $500.

Major Professor: ____________________________ Current GPA:____________

☐ I have an approved prospectus on file in the office

☐ I have passed my qualifying exam

Current support or grants pending:

________________________________________________________________________

On a separate page, briefly describe your research project. Included in this description should be a statement of the problem, specific goals, preliminary results (if available), and a timetable to complete the research. This description is limited to a single page. Descriptions can be single-spaced with a reasonable font and font size (e.g. Arial 11).

Budget: In the following space, briefly describe how the Research Award will be used to further your planned research project. Be specific.

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The student can apply for more than one departmental award (PAV, FRALEY, and DAVIS awards), but no one can receive more than one award in the same year.

Signature of Major Professor:

________________________________________________________________________
I will, if awarded a Research Award: (1) submit a written report to the departmental graduate committee upon completion of the project, and (2) acknowledge the funding from this award in any publication forthcoming from this research.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: __________