From the Oshkosh Student Scholarly and Creative Activities Program

Call for Proposals:
Student/Faculty Collaborative Research Programs & Undergraduate Small Grants

Student/Faculty Collaborative Research Programs

*2016-2017 Graduate Student/Faculty Collaborative Research Program
*2016-2017 Undergraduate Student/Faculty Collaborative Research Program

The Provost's Office and the Oshkosh Student Scholarly and Creative Activities Program are pleased to announce the continuation of a program to support faculty and student collaborative research. Faculty and teaching academic staff who are currently engaged in research projects are encouraged to have graduate or undergraduate students become actively involved as collaborators in the research process.

Graduate student awards will consist of a $3,000 stipend and $500 for supplies and expenses. Undergraduate student awards will consist of a $3,000 stipend and $550 for supplies and expenses.

We will begin accepting proposals in early January. The application deadline is February 10, 2016, before 4 p.m.

Program guidelines and instructions for online submission are available at: https://plonedev.uwosh.edu/collab/help/proposers/collaborative-grant-proposals-ug-and-grad

Undergraduate Small Grants Program

The Provost's Office is pleased to announce that a fund for some small grants of up to $550 each is available to stimulate increased undergraduate student/faculty collaborative research projects. These small grants may be used for research-related expenses (excluding conferences, student salary and membership fees) and must be spent by August 1, 2016.

The student must write the proposal with his or her mentor acting as an editor/advisor. Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students in good academic standing. Preference will be given to projects that have not been previously funded by the Oshkosh Student Scholarly and Creative Activities Program. At most one proposal from any advisor or project will receive an award during any cycle.

Submissions must be made online at https://plonedev.uwosh.edu/collab by January 14, 2016, before 4 p.m.

Application instructions and details about the program available at https://plonedev.uwosh.edu/collab/help/proposers/undergraduate-small-grant-proposals

Students who are in the McNair Scholars program are welcome to apply after their support from the McNair Program expires.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Surendonk at extension 3215.
Entry-Level GIS Analyst with Natural Resources Technology in Milwaukee
Natural Resources Technology seeks to fill an entry-level position for a GIS analyst in its Milwaukee office. For more information and an application go to: [https://naturalrt.applicantpro.com/jobs/](https://naturalrt.applicantpro.com/jobs/)

PLANNING TO GRADUATE IN SPRING 2016??

Remember to apply for graduation by the end of this semester. Applications and information are online at: [http://www.uwosh.edu/registrar/graduation/application-for-graduation](http://www.uwosh.edu/registrar/graduation/application-for-graduation)

SIGMA GAMMA EPSILON (SGE)

**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Society of Sigma Gamma Epsilon was established to recognize scholarship and professionalism in the Earth Sciences. It has for its objectives the scholastic, scientific, and professional advancement of its members and the extension of relations of friendship and assistance among colleges and universities which are devoted to the advancement of the Earth Sciences.

**Requires:**
3.0 GPA in Earth Science courses
2.67 GPA overall
At least 10 semester hours in Earth Science courses completed

**Fees:**
New members pay a one-time $25 new initiate fee and the $15 annual fee
Renewing members pay the $15 annual fee

Members can list this membership on their resumes and can attend Geological Society of America meetings at member rates.

For more information contact Tim Paulsen or see: [http://www.sigmagammaepsilon.com/index_files/Page375.htm](http://www.sigmagammaepsilon.com/index_files/Page375.htm)

Apply for 2016 Veissmann Academy

Applications are being accepted for student participants in the 2016 Student Seminar in Sustainability of the Veissmann Academy that will be held in Allendorf, Germany during Spring Interim, 2016. The planned departure date is May 23, 2016 and the return is June 5. Twenty students will be chosen to participate. See the below for details of the trip and application. The deadline for applying is February 5, 2016.

2016 Viessmann Academy
Student Seminar in Sustainability

**Apply by Friday, February 5th, 2016!**

**What**
This competitive opportunity involves 20 students and two faculty members from UW Oshkosh along with 10 German students interning at the Viessmann Group, headquartered in Allendorf, Germany. This program will give students an understanding of current issues related to sustainable development and renewable energies in Germany, the European Union, and around the globe. Students will study Viessmann’s business model, technology, and approach to sustainability. During the one-week Viessmann Academy students stay at a company-owned guesthouse and interact socially with the German students.
The program also includes a week in Berlin studying German history, geography and culture. During this time, students will share rooms in a youth hotel or hostel.

More information can be found at: [http://www.uwosh.edu/cols/viessmann-academy](http://www.uwosh.edu/cols/viessmann-academy)

**Class**

Students will enroll in either Geography 399 or Business 494 (3 credits). Participation during all parts of the program (including three Saturday morning preparatory class sessions during the second half of the Spring 2016 semester) and performance on two reflective papers will determine the course grade.

This study trip satisfies the College of Business’s Global Knowledge Requirement.

**When**

The planned departure date for Germany is May 23, 2016. The Berlin component begins on May 24 and ends on May 28. The group moves to Allendorf on May 29 and the Viessmann Academy takes place from May 30 through June 3. The group returns to Oshkosh on June 5.

Mandatory class sessions will be held at UW Oshkosh on April 9th, April 23rd, and May 7th, 2016.

**Cost**

Viessmann will provide a travel subsidy of 1,000€ per student as well as lodging and some meals for the Viessmann Academy component.

Students are responsible for all other costs. We anticipate that the actual program cost to students (excluding spending money) will be approximately $1,200. A final program fee will be available before full commitments are made.

**Application**

Please visit the Office of International Education (OIE) website to apply for the OIE Viessmann Seminar: [http://www.uwosh.edu/oie/abroad/guide/LVIESguide.php](http://www.uwosh.edu/oie/abroad/guide/LVIESguide.php). All students complete the same application, regardless of home college or department.

Complete Steps 1 and 2 by Friday, February 5th, 2016. The application fee is completely refundable if you are not chosen for the trip. You will need to provide a short résumé, a brief personal statement of your interest in the seminar (≤ 500 words), and a recommendation letter from a faculty member. Your personal statement should explain how this experience will enhance your overall education and describe your interest in a global perspective of sustainability.

Students who have completed a study abroad application in the past should contact the OIE (920-424-0775) to request that a former online application be “copied.” Students can simply update and resubmit the copied application rather than starting a new application from scratch.

**Further information**

Please contact any of the individuals below for more information about the Viessmann Academy.

**College of Business**

Dr. Nathan V. Stuart, stuartin@uwosh.edu, 424-3472, 1419 Sage Hall (faculty leader)

Jessie Pondell, pondellj@uwosh.edu, 424-3032, 1608E Sage Hall

**College of Letters and Sciences**

Dr. Heike Alberts, alberts@uwosh.edu, 424-7109, 4471 Sage Hall (faculty leader)

Dr. Greg Kleinheinz, kleinhei@uwosh.edu, 424-1100, ERI

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**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS**

The Department of Geology is pleased to announce its annual competition for undergraduate research grants. These funds are available thanks to the C.W. Fetter Endowed Research Fund, established through gifts from Dr. Fetter, emeritus faculty members, alumni, current faculty members, and friends. To qualify for one of these awards, which will average $200 to $600, a student must have submitted a research grant proposal to one or more of several undergraduate research funding sources. These grant opportunities were announced earlier in the academic year and include GSA, Sigma Xi, and UW Oshkosh (see links below for details). The proposal must have been written by the student, not the student’s research collaborator on the faculty. To be considered for a Geology Research Grant, the student should submit to the Department Chair a copy of the research proposal that was submitted to one of the above sources along with a cover letter that explains
how much funding has already been received and from what sources. This year’s deadline for submission is March 25, 2016. Proposals will be judged based upon their scientific merit, the proposer’s academic background, and the budget justification.

FYI: Places to apply for undergraduate research grants:

**Geological Society of America (GSA):** [http://www.geosociety.org/grants/ncgrant.htm#research](http://www.geosociety.org/grants/ncgrant.htm#research)

**Sigma Xi:** [https://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/grants-in-aid](https://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/grants-in-aid)

**UW Oshkosh: Undergraduate Student/Faculty Collaborative Research Grants:** [https://plonedev.uwosh.edu/collab](https://plonedev.uwosh.edu/collab)

**Undergraduate Student/Faculty Collaborative Research Small Grants:** [https://plonedev.uwosh.edu/collab](https://plonedev.uwosh.edu/collab)

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**REGISTER TO TAKE THE ASBOG FUNDAMENTALS OF GEOLOGY EXAMINATION**

In order to become a licensed professional geologist, most states have an application process that includes taking two, nationally normed examinations administered by the National Association of Boards of Geology (ASBOG). Graduating seniors should take the first of these exams, Fundamentals of Geology, in March 2016. To register for taking the exam, you need to complete the application that can be found at this web page: [http://dsps.wi.gov/Licenses-Permits/Geologist/GEOforms](http://dsps.wi.gov/Licenses-Permits/Geologist/GEOforms).

The [registration deadline is January 6, 2016](http://www.asbog.org/). Information about the exam is found on ASBOG's web page: [http://www.asbog.org/](http://www.asbog.org/).

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**DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY - LAB TEACHING ASSISTANTS, TUTORS AND BUILDING MONITORS - SPRING 2016**

The Geology Department is now accepting applications for the spring 2016 semester for the following positions:

Laboratory Teaching Assistants (T/As) for:
- Physical Geology
- Environmental Geology
- Evolution of the Earth
- Lithology

Tutors (Mon. 5:30-7:30PM, Tues. 5:30-7:30PM, Wed. 5:30-7:30PM)

Building Monitors (Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00PM – 3PM) for the spring 2016 semester.

Even if you are currently employed in the department you need to complete an application as your interests and availability will change next semester.

The requirements for qualification as a T.A./Tutor are:

A) The student must be a major or a minor in the discipline to serve as a proctor in the Department's program.
B) The student must have completed at least 60 university credits with an accumulated GPA of at least 2.80. In addition, the student must have completed at least 15 credits (including core courses where applicable) toward his/her major or minor and must have at least a 3.00 grade point average in the courses offered by the major or minor department.
C) The student must already completed the course for which he or she will proctor with at least a B grade. Alternatively, the student must have completed a higher level course covering the course material with at least a B grade.
D) Student must be able to TA and tutor all introductory geology courses: Physical Geology, Evolution of the Earth, and Environmental Geology. This means that as a TA or tutor, you will be prepared to answer questions or at least to know where to find answers in the text book or lab manual.

**PICK UP APPLICATIONS FROM COURTNEY IN THE GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT OFFICE, HARRINGTON 215 OR ONLINE UNDER GEOLOGY - CURRENT STUDENTS - STUDENT EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION SPRING 2016. PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO COURTNEY BY DECEMBER 11, 2015.**

NOTE: Students should visit the Financial Aid Office ASAP to find out if they are eligible for Work-Study. They are accepting applications NOW.
Funds are distributed to those who are eligible on a first come, first served basis. Students are encouraged to apply for Work-Study, as this will enable the Department to hire more students. Thank you!

The Geology Department would like to welcome Dr. Peir Pufahl as an Adjunct Professor. For more information about Dr. Pufahl please see: http://ees.acadiau.ca/Peir_Pufahl.html

Environmental Consulting Positions and Internships Are Available Now with Geosyntec Consultants

Geosyntec Consultants is hiring in their Great Lakes Offices (Chicago, Oak Brook, Milwaukee, Ann Arbor, and St. Louis). Please forward this email to your graduating students and students interested in internships. Since 1983, Geosyntec's scientists and engineers have provided our public and private clients with consulting and design services in the areas of environmental, geotechnical, and water resources engineering. An employee-owned firm, we are recognized nationally for our practice leadership, client service, and innovation. Our professionals continue to develop new technology applications and capabilities, and our applied research partnerships help define the cutting edge for all of our practice areas. We strive to provide a stimulating, progressive, and friendly work environment that will enable our staff to develop their careers as they provide the best possible service and value to our clients. Our practice areas include the following:

- Site Assessment and Remediation
- Environmental Risk Assessment
- Environmental Management
- Industrial Wastewater Treatment
- Water Resources Supply
- Landfill Design
- Geotechnical Infrastructure/Foundations
- Stormwater Management
- Erosion and Sediment Control
- NEPA Studies and Compliance
- Water Quality Studies and Permitting
- Data Management/GIS

If you are interested in applying please send me a copy of your current resume along with three professional references. For more information about Geosyntec go to http://geosyntec.com/UI/Default.aspx

Indiana University Summer Field Programs 2016: Judson Mead Geologic Field Station

1. G433 Geology, Hydrology and Geochemistry in the Rocky Mountains, Dates: June 20 – August 3, 2016
2. G429 Field Geology in the Rocky Mountains, Dates: June 19 – August 4, 2016
3. G129 Introductory Geology Taught in the Field, Dates: June 5 -

To apply, or for more information, visit, www.indiana.edu/~lugfs
TUTORING

FOR THE SPRING 2016 SEMESTER, HARRINGTON HALL WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM 1:00 TO 3:00 P.M. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEET OUTSIDE H118 IF YOU PLAN ON COMING.

***ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR ON ELMWOOD AVENUE***

YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT AFTER-HOURS BUILDING PASS (GOOD FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR) TO BE ADMITTED TO THE BUILDING.

SEE COURTNEY IN THE GEOLOGY OFFICE, ROOM 215.