Important Dates to Note:

- Interim begins January 2, 2018.

The Geology Department is on FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM!!! Check it out!!

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/UWOgeology

Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/UWOgeology

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 $500, a student must have submitted a research grant proposal to one or more of several undergraduate research funding sources. These grant opportunities 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 the budget for the research and how much funding has already been received and from what sources. This year’s deadline for submission is March 23, 2018. 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/GSA/Education_Careers/Grants_Scholarships/gsa/grants/ncgrant.aspx#research

Sigma Xi: https://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/grants-in-aid

UW Oshkosh: Undergraduate Student/Faculty Collaborative Research Grants: https://osrca.uwosh.edu/collaborative-grant-proposals/

INTERESTING EVENTS

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for undergraduate students majoring in disciplines related to oceanic and atmospheric science, research, or technology, and supportive of the purposes of NOAA’s programs and mission. Over 100 students are selected each year for participation in the Ernest F. Hollings (Hollings) and Educational Partnership Program (EPP) scholarship programs. These scholarships include support for two years of undergraduate study and summer internship opportunities at NOAA facilities across the country.

For information on program benefits and how to apply, visit our web sites:

- Educational Partnership Program Undergraduate Scholarship: www.noaa.gov/eppsScholarship
Application Deadline: January 31, 2018

- Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship: [www.noaa.gov/hollings](http://www.noaa.gov/hollings)

  Application Deadline: January 31, 2018

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- US Citizen

- 3.0 GPA (Hollings) or 3.2 GPA (EPP)

- Full-time second year student at an accredited four-year undergraduate program or third year student at a five-year undergraduate program

- Majoring in NOAA mission disciplines, including but not limited to: atmospheric science, biology, cartography, chemistry, computer science, education, engineering, environmental science, geodesy, geography, marine science, mathematics, meteorology, oceanography, physical science, photogrammetry, physics, etc.

- Enrolled at a Minority Serving Institution (EPP Scholarship only)

For further information, contact the Office of Education Scholarship Programs at: StudentScholarshipPrograms@noaa.gov or (301) 628-2913.

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**Student Research Opportunity: Yucatan, Mexico**

Northern Illinois University, Northeastern Illinois University, and the Yucatan Center for Scientific Research are offering a Research Experience for Undergraduates program for Summer 2018. Participants will work with faculty mentors and other students to research water resources in the Yucatan Peninsula.

The program is eight weeks (June 4-July 27), with the first and last two weeks at the NIU campus. The other four weeks will be spent researching in and around Cancun, Mexico. Participants will be provided with room and board, as well as a $500 per week stipend, for the duration of the program. Applicants should be current freshmen, sophomores, or juniors. **Please note the deadline for applications is February 1, 2018.**

More information about this exciting opportunity, including project descriptions and application requirements, can be found at [www.niu.edu/ese/reu](http://www.niu.edu/ese/reu). Feel free to contact me with any questions at cancunreu@gmail.com or cmogren@niu.edu.

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