



## FISCHER SCHOLARSHIPS

### ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Fischer Scholarship Program is supported by a trust fund established by Professor Warren Fischer, who along with Mrs. Rose Fischer, taught for many years on the UW-Whitewater campus. Fischer Scholarships have been awarded each semester since 1978. The Fischers' goal has always been to improve the quality of geographic education and Fischer Scholars are awarded on the basis of their contribution to the educational mission of the Department of Geography, Geology and Environmental Science. Fischer Scholars are required to identify a faculty sponsor and work for between 50-70% of their award through teaching related projects and other activities.

The faculty and the Fischer Scholarship Selection Committee view designation as a Fischer scholar as a distinct honor and privilege. Fischer Scholars are expected to:

- Demonstrate intellectual growth as they advance through their program;
- Demonstrate personal growth and development as they advance through their program;
- Share their knowledge and enthusiasm with others;
- Convey a cooperative and positive attitude in performing their duties;
- Work effectively on their own with limited supervision;
- Work effectively with faculty and students;
- Display interest and initiative in tackling assignments and duties;
- Comport themselves in a respectful and professional manner in the conduct of their duties; and
- Maintain or improve their academic performance and status as exemplary members of the department.

### SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

#### New Applicants

1. Must be a declared major in geography, geology, or environmental science or a minor in geography or GIS and have completed 12 credits toward their degree;
2. Must be a full-time student taking at least 12 credits during the semester that the scholarship is in effect;
3. Must take at least one geography, geology, or environmental science course unless major or minor has been completed;
4. Must be sponsored by a GGES faculty person who will direct education-related work in support of the scholarship's mission.

### SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

#### Returning Scholars

For scholarship renewal, applicants must have;

1. Completed 12 units toward the degree during the preceding semester including at least one geography course;
2. Performed their assigned duties effectively;
3. Maintained an acceptable GPA and contributed to the educational goals of the department;
4. Received sponsorship from a GGES faculty person.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Submit a signed application and a current AAR to your faculty advisor via email by **4:00 PM, Friday, December 2, 2022**. Your faculty advisor will submit these documents to the Fischer Committee on your behalf.

### AWARDS

If you have been awarded a scholarship, a letter will be sent to your local address with the amount of the award and other requirements of scholarship including work responsibilities. All awards will be credited to your UWW account.

- Awardees must provide a written acceptance statement to the Fischer Scholarship Committee, c/o the Department of Geography, Geology, and Environmental Science, Upham Hall 120 by **4:00 PM, Friday, December 16, 2022**. No response by that date will be interpreted as a rejection
- If you've been selected to receive the Fischer Scholarship and you are also receiving a Financial Aid package, it is your responsibility to contact the Financial Aid office to determine whether or not your package will be affected. If the amount of your grant from Financial Aid will be reduced, you may consider turning down the Fischer Scholarship.
- If, during the semester the Scholarship has been awarded, a recipient is no longer taking GGES courses, is no longer able to work as per arrangements made with the faculty sponsor, drops below twelve credits, or withdraws from the University, then the scholarship must be returned.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Forward an electronic or scanned copy of your completed signed application form to your faculty sponsor. You may use an electronic signature or sign a hard copy and scan.
- ✓ Email a current .pdf of your AAR to your faculty sponsor

Please direct all questions to GGES Chair, Dr. Margo Kleinfeld: kleinfeld@uww.edu or 262-472-1087.