



FISCHER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR IN-HOUSE SCHOLARS

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 In-House Fischer Scholars are awarded on the basis of their contribution to the educational mission of the Department of Geography, Geology and Environmental Science (GGES). In-House 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 an In-House Fischer scholar as a distinct honor and privilege. In-House 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
- Realize they are not merely employees, they are scholars.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

New Applicants

1. Must be a declared major in geography, geology, or environmental science 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 your major has been completed;
4. Must be sponsored by a GGES faculty person who will direct education-related work in support of the scholarship.

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.

FISCHER RECEPTION

All awardees are required to attend a Fischer Reception dinner, scheduled during the Spring 2021 semester.

Non-attendance without an excused absence approved in advance may jeopardize the award.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Email your typed application, a current Academic Advisement Report (AAR), and a list of courses you plan to enroll in for Spring 2021 by **4:00 PM, Friday, November 20** to the Fischer Scholarship Committee at kleinfem@uww.edu. New applicants will be contacted by the Fischer Committee to set up a brief online interview.

AWARDS

Those receiving awards will receive a letter at their local address informing them of the amount of the award and the hours required to work on behalf of the department. In-House Fischer Scholars are required to work as part of their award and to document their hours each week. All awards will be credited to your UWW account.

- Awardees must notify the Fischer Scholarship Committee if they will accept the award no later than **4:00 PM, Friday, December 11, 2020**. Please send an email to kleinfem@uww.edu. 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.

Please direct all questions to the Department Chairperson, Dr. Margo Kleinfeld, by email (kleinfeld@uww.edu) or telephone (262-472-1087).

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The date for the Fischer Reception is tentatively set for **Spring 2021**. Watch your email for more information. Attendance and participation are required.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Complete the application form.
- Attach a current Academic Advisement Report (AAR)
- Attach a typed list of tentative courses that you will enroll in for **Spring 2021**.
- Mark your calendar for the Fischer reception in early October.