

College of Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences

Cruise-Related
Student Scientific Research Innovation Awards Announcement
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As a result of a generous five-year gift from an anonymous donor, CEOAS students (both undergraduates & graduates) have the exciting opportunity to apply for research funds for the analysis and interpretation of data and/or samples collected during class cruises in the coastal waters of Oregon as part of:

- OC 295, *Introduction to Field Oceanography* (R Wheatcroft)
- OC 521, *Applications for Ocean Ecology & Biogeochemistry* (A White)
- OC 679, *Ocean Observation & Experimental Design* (K Shearman)

Two 5-day cruises related to these courses will occur on the RV Oceanus this year in late March (OC 295) and late May (OC 521, OC 679), respectively (timing of cruises in subsequent years is to-be-determined). For information on the cruises contact the CEOAS faculty members listed above. Note that students do not need to participate on a cruise to submit a proposal.

Individual awards may be for up to \$2000 per student project and funds may be used to pay for miscellaneous expendables, laboratory fees, instrument rental and calibration. Funds may not be used for student salary, tuition, scholarships or financial aid.

To apply for a Research Innovation Award students should work with a faculty advisor to prepare a brief (< 2 page single spaced) description of the research topic of interest that addresses the nature of the question, how you will use data and/or samples collected on a cruise (or cruises) to address the topic, and a brief statement of significance. You should also include a detailed budget that lists the costs of materials and services and the name of your faculty sponsor. A brief time line of your proposed research is also required. Lastly, include a one-page resume. Note that if a student is given a Research Innovation Award that s/he will be required to provide a final report that describes the results of the project and how it expanded the student's learning objectives.

Send your application package as a pdf file to the Ocean Science/OEAS Program Head, Prof. Rob Wheatcroft (541-737-3891), (raw@coas.oregonstate.edu) at any time. He will work with the Associate Deans of Research and Academic Programs to evaluate the proposed research and provide a decision in a timely manner.