



# Cascade Mycological Society Outstanding Research Project Scholarship Scholarship Application Form

## **Objectives:**

- 1) To stimulate research into the biology and ecology of fungi and the practical application of mycology to environmental and human health.
- 2) To promote the CMS mission of educating the general public and our own members about fungi, fungi identification, fungi ecology and the role and importance of fungi in human society and natural ecosystems.

## **Criteria:**

A scholarship of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student at an Oregon community college, college, or university for the research project that best serves the scholarship objectives described above. The project may be proposed for the future or already in progress.

The applicant must receive academic credit for the project.

The applicant must complete the scholarship application form.

The recipient of the scholarship must present the finished project at a CMS general meeting and allow CMS to publish the results of the project in the CMS newsletter and website.

## **Application and Selection Procedure:**

Proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Scholarship Chair by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Each application shall consist of:**

1. **A completed scholarship application form.**
2. **A research proposal, which shall consist of a written document describing the project's:**
  - a) **Objectives: Provide a description of project background, objectives and methods. Specifically explain how the project relates to the scholarship's objectives.**
  - b) **Implementation: Provide a brief summary of how the project's objectives will be or have been accomplished.**
  - c) **Outcomes: Provide a description of the anticipated outcomes.**
  - d) **Timelines: Provide a time schedule for the project.**
  - e) **Anticipated costs and/or amount requested.**

The scholarship chair shall see that each application is copied and distributed to the CMS Board for review.

The Board shall review each proposal and rank the proposals in order of preference. The rankings will serve as a basis for discussion among the Board. Decisions that cannot be made by consensus shall be decided by a simple majority. The Board may decide to award no scholarship in any given year based on lack of funds, lack of suitable applicants, or any other reason.

Applicants shall be notified in writing of the Board's decision. The Board may suggest proposal modifications with funding contingent upon acceptance of the suggested modifications.

Scholarship awards shall be announced in the CMS newsletter and at a general membership meeting.

### **Reporting and Payment Schedule:**

In November, the Board shall determine whether sufficient funds exist to advertise the scholarship and appoint a Scholarship Chair.

In December, CMS shall advertise the scholarship in the newsletter, on the website, and other forums and direct applicants to submit applications to the Scholarship Chair.

Applications are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Scholarship chair shall prepare copies of the applicants' materials to distribute to Board members at the March CMS Board meeting.

In April, the Board shall decide who will receive the scholarship, if one is to be awarded. The Scholarship Chair shall prepare letters of notification to applicants.

The Board shall announce the scholarship recipient in the Spring newsletter and at the June general meeting.

The Treasurer shall pay the recipient one half of the amount awarded at the June general meeting, or at the Treasurer's and recipient's mutual convenience. The recipient shall tentatively schedule the time for presenting the final project to the CMS membership.

The recipient shall receive the final half of the award upon presenting the final project. Recipients who fail to submit a final project within one year of the date of the first payment shall forfeit further payment unless an extension is granted by vote of the Board.

### **Disposition of Final Projects:**

Research data are the property of the researcher, except that research data may be published in the CMS newsletter and on the CMS website.

### **Scholarship Funding:**

Funding may come from the CMS general budget. Funding may also come from dedicated funds, including memorial gifts. These shall be disbursed according to the terms of the particular fund and may be subject to more restrictive criteria than general budget funds.

## Application Form

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Name: (Last, First, Middle)

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Address

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Phone

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E-mail

Undergraduate College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in college: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ Total credit hours (this term): \_\_\_\_\_

GPA all courses: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA in major: \_\_\_\_\_

How much academic credit do you anticipate receiving for this project? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a CMS member? \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer the following questions on separate sheets of paper.**

1. What are your professional goals and interests?
2. What is your prior experience with fungi?

Submit the completed form, answers, and research proposal to the Scholarship Chair:

**Meredith Allen**  
**PO Box 23033**  
**Eugene, Oregon 97402**  
**intrepids2003@yahoo.com.**

Make sure you attach a copy of your research proposal to your application.