

The Lake Champlain Research Consortium offers two NOAA-supported Undergraduate Student Research Grants for 2009

The Lake Champlain Research Consortium is pleased to be able to offer two undergraduate research awards for up to \$5500 each for students at LCRC member institutions to do research with a faculty member at an LCRC institution. These two special grant opportunities are made available through funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for 2009. Funding will be provided in the form of a subaward agreement to the home institution of the students with winning proposals. Therefore, the student's home institution must be prepared to coordinate the disbursement of grant funds, and provide a final accounting upon conclusion of the grant. In addition, because this will be a subaward on an existing grant, no indirect costs can go to the student's home institution.

Interested students should submit a proposal by February 27, 2009; the successful applicant will be notified by March 27, 2009. The recipient is expected to submit a written final report and present their research at an LCRC conference currently being planned for winter or spring of 2010. Please submit proposals electronically to LCRC@smcvt.edu. Proposals should include the following:

1. A cover page including the following items:
 - Title of project and a brief summary of the proposal
 - Name of student applicant, home institution, and name and department of faculty sponsor
 - Applicant's expected month and year of graduation
2. A 3-5 page narrative clearly stating appropriate background, the research project's objectives, description of proposed methods, and significance to the research priorities of the LCRC (available at the LCRC website, <http://academics.smcvt.edu/lcrc/>). Please use 12 pt Times Roman font, 1 inch page margins, and single spacing for the narrative.
3. Detailed budget approved by appropriate official at student's home institution.
4. A letter of support from the supervising faculty sponsor indicating their support and oversight of the project.
5. If required by your home institution, please send any relevant approval form(s) to Ms. Margaret Provost, LCRC administrator, Box 314, Saint Michael's College, Colchester, VT 05439.

PROPOSALS WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Overall quality of the written proposal
- Clarity of the research question being addressed
- Significance of the proposed research to the research priorities of the LCRC
- Appropriateness of study design, methods, and analysis