

## **Minnesota River Board Undergraduate Research Grant Call for Proposals**

The Minnesota River Board sponsors a program to offer grants of up to \$500 to support the individual work of undergraduate students conducting research in the Minnesota River Basin.

### **Eligibility:**

- Applicants must be undergraduate students participating in water-related research within the basin. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, water quality, wetlands ecology, fisheries biology, etc. A map of the Minnesota River Basin can be found at [www.minnesotariver.org](http://www.minnesotariver.org).
- A college or university may submit more than one application. However, if more than one proposal is submitted from a department, the department chair must rank the proposals before submission.
- A faculty advisor may not sponsor more than two applicants per year.

### **Funds should be used for the following:**

- Consumable research supplies (e.g. latex gloves)
- Permanent equipment valued under \$100 (e.g. waders)
- Travel associated with data collection (e.g. mileage)
- Fees associated with conference participation (e.g. registration)
- Costs to produce presentation materials (e.g. poster printing)

### **Proposals should include the following materials:**

- Cover Sheet (attached, also available at [www.minnesotariver.org](http://www.minnesotariver.org))
- A brief narrative of the project. This should discuss the project's relevance to water quality in the Minnesota River Basin. Hypothesis-driven projects will be most competitive. (1-2 pages single-spaced)
- A letter of support from the faculty research advisor.
- An itemized budget (1 page). Include a short statement indicating additional funding sources and illustrating cost sharing from the host institution, if applicable.
- Any research requiring special permits or approvals should clearly state that those permits are or will be secured. Grant recipients are responsible for obtaining the appropriate permits and approvals.

Grant funds will be awarded to the faculty sponsor. The recipients are required to provide accounting details as requested by the MRB. Funds are to be spent within one year of disbursement and utilized as stated in the proposal. Any unexpended funds shall be returned to the MRB at the close of the project cycle. Recipients will be required to present their research at a Minnesota River Board meeting. Recipients are further encouraged to present their material at additional venues such as undergraduate research fairs or professional meetings.

### **To apply:**

Proposal materials should be mailed to the following address:

Minnesota River Board  
ATTN: Undergraduate Research Grant  
184 Trafton Science Center South  
Mankato MN 56001

**All proposal materials must be received by 5:00pm on May 1, 2009.** Awards will be announced by May 15, 2009 and funds will be made available upon the recipient's acceptance of the grant. Questions regarding this grant can be directed to Susan Carlin, MRB Program Director, at [susan.carlin@mnsu.edu](mailto:susan.carlin@mnsu.edu).