FY11 Student Water Research Grant Program

Request for Proposals

The Colorado Water Institute announces a request for proposals for the FY11 Student Water Research Program.

Program Description

This program is intended to encourage and support graduate and undergraduate student research in disciplines relevant to water resources issues and to assist Colorado institutions of higher education in developing student research expertise and capabilities. It is intended to help students initiate research projects or to supplement existing student projects in water resources research. Proposals must have a faculty sponsor and students must be enrolled full-time in a degree program at one of Colorado’s public 4-year Universities.

Funding

Budgets may include, but are not limited to, expenditures for student salaries, fringe benefits, supplies, services, travel, and other direct costs. Funds will not be approved for faculty salaries, student tuition, or equipment*. Each award is limited to a maximum of $5,000. Awards may be effective as early as March 1, 2011 and research projects should be completed by February 29, 2012.

For these research grants, only direct costs are allowed. Facilities & Administrative (F&A) costs may be shown as institutional cost share. Institutions are encouraged to participate in project costs although cost sharing is not required.

Eligibility

Students must be enrolled full-time in a degree program at one of the nine Colorado public universities. Proposals must have a faculty sponsor from the applicant’s institution. The faculty sponsor is responsible for ensuring that the proposal has been processed according to their university’s proposal submission policies and procedures.

Submission Process

All proposals must be submitted online by 11/30/2010. Please visit http://cwi.colostate.edu for submission site.

Announcement of Awards

The student applicant and faculty sponsor will be notified as to the status of their application by January 18, 2011 via email.

Deliverables

Upon completion of the research project, recipients will be required to submit a final project report, which will include:

- Narrative on research activities
- Project results
- High-quality photos of students and faculty conducting research for their project
- Financial accounting of all expenditures
- Final project reports may be published in the Colorado Water newsletter
- Students may be asked to present an oral report on their work to the CWI Advisory Board

Projects must be completed by February 29, 2012. The final project report will be due no later than March 31, 2012.

Proposal Deadline

Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 5:00 PM (MT)

Expected Award/Start Date

Start Date: March 1, 2011
End Date: February 29, 2012

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* Equipment: Non-expendable property having a useful life of more than one (1) year and an acquisition cost of more than $5,000 per unit.