



**Urban Coast Institute
2018 Request for Proposals
Heidi Lynn Sculthorpe Summer Research Grants***

The Monmouth University **Urban Coast Institute (UCI)** http://www.monmouth.edu/urban_coast_institute has funds available to support student Summer Research Grants for 2018. Funding is available to support natural and social science, humanities, economic and public policy research involving faculty and students from any School or Department at Monmouth University. Applicants outside the School of Science are encouraged to apply. (See program and research areas below.)

[Note: UCI Summer Research Grants are also provided for students through the School of Science's Summer Research Program (SRP) and the UCI Marine Science and Policy Initiative. See <http://www.monmouth.edu/uci/mspi/default.aspx> for more information. For those who applied for these other project awards, they will be considered separately. Please do not submit duplicate applications.]

Background Information: The Urban Coast Institute was founded in 2005 to serve the public interest as a forum for research, education, and collaboration that fosters the application of the best available science and policy to support healthy and productive coastal ecosystems and a sustainable and economically vibrant future for coastal communities. Research projects should address issues that further the UCI's mission and address one or more of the program and research areas outlined below.

Program Areas:

- State and Regional Coastal and Ocean Management Law and Policy
- Sustainable and Resilient Coastal Communities
- Marine and Coastal Habitat Conservation and Watershed Management

Research Areas:

- Coastal Law and Policy
- Sustainable Coastal Communities
- Social Science and Economic Issues
- Coastal and Ocean Pollution
- Ocean and Human Health
- Coastal Zone and Watershed Management
- Hazard Ready and Resilient Coastal Communities
- Fisheries and Habitats
- Coastal Ecosystems and Ecosystem-based Management
- Sea Level Rise and Climate Change

Eligibility: The grants are available to all Monmouth Undergraduate and Master's students in good standing.

Due Date: Proposals should be submitted **by March 30, 2018**, and will be considered on a rolling basis thereafter, if funds are available.

Faculty Student Collaboration: *Faculty is encouraged to work with students to submit proposals.* Students submitting proposals **must identify a Faculty sponsor and mentor to oversee their research.** A stipend of \$800/student is available for faculty mentors. Faculty submitting a proposal should identify sponsored students.

Funding Levels: It is anticipated that funding is available for 3-5 student research proposals in 2018.

- Funding is available for students at University research student rates (@\$9 hour) for up to eight weeks of work. (@\$2,600/student)

Special consideration will be given to projects that advance the University Strategic Plan and demonstrate relevance to coastal community needs, local community partnerships, and those that leverage other sources of support.



**HEIDI LYNN SCULTHORPE SUMMER 2018 RESEARCH GRANT*
APPLICATION**

Faculty/ Student Research Proposals: Please complete and submit no longer than two pages (1” margins and #12 fonts) not including faculty Letter of Support. Please outline the following:

Project Title: _____

Name and Contact Information of Student(s): _____

Name and Contact Information of Faculty: _____

Personal Statement of Interest and Experience (including related research experience, if any)

Proposed Project Description _____

Include the following:

1. Statement of the Problem (including description of how the project addresses UCI program or research areas).
2. Project Description and Methodology
3. Project Outcomes and how the project advances Monmouth University Strategic Plan
4. Letter of Support from Faculty Research Mentor

Students will be expected to submit a research project plan and keep a record of research activities, submit a mid-point progress report and final report under the mentorship of a Faculty sponsor.

Please submit your proposals electronically, by hand or by facsimile to:

Ms. Doris Meyer, UCI Administrative Assistant, dmeyer@monmouth.edu

Room Location: Edison 120 or fax: 732-263-5723.

Deadline: March 30, 2018

Contact Tom Herrington, UCI Associate Director at 732-263-5588 or therring@monmouth.edu, if you have any questions.

****Student Research Grants in Memory of***

Heidi Lynn Sculthorpe

May 2, 1968 - April 25, 2008

Rumson, New Jersey

Funds for Summer Students Research Grants are supported, in part, by funds contributed to the Urban Coast Institute in memory of Heidi Lynn Sculthorpe. Heidi Lynn graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. A Monmouth County shore area resident her whole life, she loved to surf and spend time at the beach with her family and friends. Heidi always befriended those she encountered with a smile. She was devoted to her children, family and friends. Ms. Sculthorpe’s father, Mr. Robert B. Sculthorpe is a graduate of Monmouth University and a member of the University Board of Trustees.