Urban Coast Institute
2013 Request for Proposals
Heidi Lynn Sculthorpe Summer Student Research Grant*

The Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute (http://www.monmouth.edu/urban_coast_institute) has funds available to support student Summer Research Grants for 2013. Note: Grants are also provided for students who apply through the School of Science’s Summer Research Program, (http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/schools/science/summer_research_program). There is no need to apply separately. Funding is available to support natural and social science, economic and public policy research involving faculty and students from any School or Department at Monmouth University. (See program and research areas below.)

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
- Coastal Zone and Watershed Management
- Sustainable Coastal Communities
- Hazard Ready and Resilient Coastal Communities
- Social Science and Economic Issues
- Fisheries and Habitats
- Coastal and Ocean Pollution
- Coastal Ecosystems and Ecosystem-based Management
- Ocean and Human Health
- 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 submission deadline extended to April 26, 2013.

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 $600 is available for faculty mentors.

Funding Levels: It is anticipated that funding is available for 3-5 student research proposals in 2013.

- 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 demonstrate relevance to coastal community needs, local community partnerships, and leverage other sources of support.
Student Research Proposals: Please complete and submit no longer than two pages (1" margins, and #12 font) not including faculty Letter of Support. Please outline the following:

Project Title: ____________________________________________________________

Name and Contact Information of Student: __________________________________

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 Objectives
3. Methodology
4. Expected Outcomes and Results
5. 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. Lorraine Jordan, UCI Administrative Assistant, ljordan@monmouth.edu
Room Location: Edison 171 or fax: 732-263-5723.
Extended Deadline: April 26, 2013
Contact Tony MacDonald, UCI Director at 732-263-5392 or amacdon@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.