

Charles W. Reimer Scholarship

The Charles W. Reimer Scholarship was established in 2009 through gifts from the participants in the North American Diatom Symposium and offers an annual tuition scholarship of \$850.

In 1963, Dr. Reimer began teaching the summer diatom course in Iowa. He considerably expanded and formalized what had been called the “Diatom Clinic” and established an intensive five-week diatom course. Under his direction, the course served as a forum for upper level undergraduates, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and academic researchers to focus on biology, ecology, and taxonomy of the diatoms. Students were immersed in the field and laboratory study of freshwater diatoms including techniques in collection, preparation, curation, and identification of diatom samples and the study of environmental factors affecting growth, distribution, and taxonomic characters. During the years that Dr. Reimer taught the course, more than 150 students and researchers took part, many of whom would go on to make important contributions to the field.

Eligibility

The Charles W. Reimer Scholarship is available annually to support a student in the Ecology and Systematics of Diatoms class at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory or an individual conducting research on diatoms at Lakeside.

Application Process

Applicants should e-mail the following to the Lakeside Lab Director at Mary-Skopec@uiowa.edu

1. A cover letter
2. Resume or CV
3. 1-2 page statement describing the applicant’s background, qualifications, and motivation for taking the diatom class.
4. Unofficial transcripts

Deadline for application receipt is **April 1** each year. The recipient will be chosen in collaboration with the Ecology and Systematics of Diatoms course instructors.