James W. Cravens Undergraduate Research Fellowship

The James W. Cravens Undergraduate Research Fellowship is available annually to support research in limnology by a student at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory. The Fellowship provides up to $2,800 for a student stipend, equipment, room and board, or other research supplies.

The scholarship was established in 2015 through a generous gift from the Craven Family in honor of James W. Cravens. James W. Cravens was born on January 15, 1920, in Sanborn, Iowa, to John and Dorothy (Daly) Cravens. Jim graduated from Sanborn High School in May of 1938. He attended the University of Iowa, and received a degree from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin. In 1973, he became associated with the Dickinson County Savings Bank, now United Community Bank. He was active in both institutions until his retirement in January of 2015. Jim made community service an important part of his life. He was active in many organizations in northwest Iowa and in the state serving on the State Banking Board, The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, Camp Foster YMCA, Okoboji Yacht Club, the Dickinson County Hospital and many more. Jim was a great supporter of Lakeside’s mission to “learn about nature in nature”, and invited Lakeside faculty and students to his Stoney Lake property for field investigations.

Eligibility

The James W. Cravens Undergraduate Research Fellowship is available annually to support undergraduate level research on topic with a limnological or water quality focus.

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. Statement of research interest and goals
4. Unofficial transcripts
5. Faculty letter of recommendation

Deadline for application is April 15. Recipient(s) will be chosen by the Lakeside Lab Scholarship Committee.