

John Kingston Diatom Fellowship

Each summer, an award is made to one advanced student or researcher to serve as a teaching assistant for the Ecology and Systematics of Diatoms course. The fellowship includes a stipend of \$500 plus room and board at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory.

The fellowship was established in 2004 by the colleagues, friends and family of John Kingston. John was born September 26, 1949 in Austin, Minnesota and died from the effects of a brain tumor in Ely, Minnesota on June 9, 2004. He earned his B.S. in Botany from Iowa State University, his M.S. from the University of Delaware in 1975, and his Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University in 1980.

In his life and career as a biologist, John's foremost interest was the natural history and taxonomy of diatoms, a topic he was first introduced to as an undergraduate at Lakeside through his interactions with Dr. John Dodd, instructor of freshwater biology. He then took the Laboratory's diatom course, taught by Dr. C. W. Reimer, in 1969, and returned as an honors research student in 1970. Thereafter, he returned regularly to Lakeside as a research investigator and guest scientist.

The degree to which John's life was affected by Lakeside research opportunities and collegial interactions is reflected by the fact that he requested his ashes to be returned there. The degree to which John enriched and affected the lives of others is reflected in the endowed fellowship established in his memory by his colleagues, friends and family.

Application Process

The J.C. Kingston Diatom Fellowship is available to domestic and international graduate students, advanced undergraduate students, and young professionals. A strong preference will be given to applicants who have previously taken the Ecology and Systematics of Diatoms course, or have equivalent experience. This is a teaching assistant position and the recipient will take a leadership role in assisting the instructors in teaching elements of the course. The fellowship will be awarded to a student who shows strong potential toward a career in teaching and diatom research and who embraces the ideals that John had toward science and life. Applicants should e-mail a cover letter, CV, and a statement of teaching, research, and career interests to Lakeside Lab's Director by **February 28**. Application review will be conducted by diatom course instructors with a decision rendered in March each year.