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 $800 plus room and board at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory.

The fellowship was established in 2004 by the colleagues, friends and family of John Kingston. 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.

Eligibility

The J.C. Kingston Diatom Fellowship is available to domestic and international graduate students, advanced undergraduate students, and young professionals. A strong preference is 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 is 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.

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 teaching, research, and career interests.
4. Unofficial transcripts

Deadline for application receipt is February 28. Application review will be conducted by diatom course instructors with a decision rendered in March each year.