Denise B. Evans Fellowships in Oceanographic Research

Background: By virtue of a very generous gift from the estate of Denise B. Evans, the Hawai‘i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology (HIGP) in the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) has established the Denise B. Evans Fellowships in Oceanographic Research. These awards support outstanding SOEST graduate students in many different fields of oceanographic research. Awards are in the amount of $28,000 per student per year and are paid as salary to graduate research assistants at UH Mānoa who will be continuing their studies.

HIGP is currently seeking nominations for two students to receive a single new award of $28,000 per student/year for the period September 2017 to August 2018.

For the purpose of this award, “oceanographic research” is considered in very broad terms. Marine geology and geophysics, ocean engineering (e.g., robotics, data systems), physical/chemical/microbial/biological oceanography, analysis of coral reefs, submarine volcanism, tsunamis, modeling of air-sea interactions, ocean wave energy, ocean remote sensing, and marine biology, are all considered to be covered by this opportunity. However, near-shore investigations of hydrologic/sedimentary processes on land, the effects of sea-level rise on land, the geology of Pacific islands, and island meteorology are beyond the scope of this award.

Nominations will be reviewed by the HIGP Denise B. Evans Selection Committee, comprised of faculty from HIGP and SOEST. First and foremost, the Committee will search for a student with outstanding research accomplishments who will be studying at Mānoa until at least August 2018. Although education and outreach are valuable aspects of a student’s career, it is the research potential that the Committee will consider most important. Nominators should consider this fellowship a reward for accomplishments and not a means to provide salary support for funding gaps.

How to Apply:
Students interested in receiving the Denise B. Evans awards for 2017-2018 must follow a specific nomination process. The student’s faculty advisor shall nominate the student by submitting a recommendation to her/his SOEST department chair (or director in the case of CMORE, HIMB, HNEI, and HIGP). Students in the Marine Biology graduate program are eligible through the HIMB. The chair or director will then forward their three top nominations to the Director of HIGP. No applications submitted directly to HIGP by a student will be accepted. Prior recipients of the Fellowships are eligible for a second year.

Each nomination must be in the form of a single PDF file and comprise of:
   a) A cover letter from the advisor (3 page maximum), advocating the student’s particular accomplishments to date and the potential impact that the Denise B. Evans award would have on the student’s career.
   b) The student’s CV, including any publications, conference presentations, ship time, and any other professional activities.
   c) Transcript for student since his/her arrival at UH.

A maximum of three proposals from each organizational unit will be accepted. No prioritization need be given to these three proposals.

Schedule:
§ Nomination packages are due at HIGP Office (POST 602) by 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 11th, 2017. Extended to Aug. 18.
§ Selectee to be announced: Friday, August 25th, 2017.

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