

THE ROBERT L. WIEGEL SCHOLARSHIP FOR COASTAL STUDIES

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2020 call *for* applicants

AWARD OVERVIEW

This scholarship or scholarships, the total amount of which will equal or exceed \$4,000, honors a graduate student pursuing a graduate degree at a California university or college whose work best exemplifies the passion for coastal science and/or coastal engineering that typified the work of Robert L. Wiegel, Professor Emeritus of Coastal Engineering, University of California, Berkeley. Between 1946 and 2016, Professor Wiegel's involvement as an investigator, instructor, mentor, advisor, and consultant to students, private industry, public utilities, and government agencies (both national and international) spanned virtually every phase of coastal and oceanographic research. His textbook, *Oceanographical Engineering*, established the practice of coastal and ocean engineering as a serious career path for a large number of grateful and admiring students.

AWARD CRITERIA

- The award will be made to a student pursuing (or recently having received) a graduate degree at a California university or college.
- The study must deal with a coastal problem occurring in the marine environment (e.g. beaches, the nearshore zone, ports/harbors, coastal rivers and bluffs, lagoons, and wetlands) preferably in the State of California. The search for a solution to the problem should be a primary study goal.
- Preference will be given to students who undertake field work with the intent of discovering the true nature of the problem while experiencing a wide range of ocean conditions.
- The work must identify the importance of the research and the inter-related nature of the scientific/engineering findings with the social, economic, and environmental issues so common to coastal issues.
- As promoted by Prof. Wiegel throughout his career, the research must demonstrate a high level of scholarship in which the applicant clearly states the importance of the work and cites relevant studies that have been conducted previously.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A concise description of the study that includes final results or research findings to date (5 pages maximum);
- An concise, annotated bibliography showing knowledge of pertinent prior research (3 pages maximum);
- A statement of support from an academic advisor or educational mentor;
- A personal statement regarding the research effort.

AWARD CALENDAR

- **Application Deadline: November 6, 2020**
- Award Granted: On or before December 31, 2020

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