

Guidelines for the Anne & Werner Von Rosenstiel Endowed Fellowship and Research Fund

I. The Anne & Werner Von Rosenstiel Endowed Fellowship in Marine Science

Purpose:

The purpose of this endowed fellowship is to provide first year fellowship support for highly talented, full-time enrolled students pursuing graduate degrees at the College of Marine Science University of South Florida College of Marine Science. At the discretion of the Dean of the College, the fellowship may be awarded to one or more graduate students annually. This fellowship provides the recipient an opportunity to apply for the Von Rosenstiel Research Fund (see part II below) and the potential to receive a tuition waiver and student health subsidy.

Eligibility:

All students applying to be full time students in the graduate program are considered for this fellowship by the College's Admissions Committee. Recipients must be a registered full-time student at the start of the upcoming fall semester in order to receive this endowed fellowship. At the Dean's discretion, new incoming students starting in the spring semester may also be considered for a Von Rosenstiel Fellowship (from spring through fall) if sufficient endowment earnings are available. Full-time status is defined as enrollment for **9** credit units in the fall semester, **9** units for the spring semester, and **6** units for the summer semester (of that academic year; i.e., the 12 month period following initial receipt of the fellowship in August). Funding will be divided over three semesters and provided as long as the student remains a full-time student in good standing. Full time status is verified by the College's Academic Affairs Office. The Dean, or the Dean's Designee, in consultation with the Admissions Committee, will select one to four new prospective applicants to offer a Von Rosenstiel Fellowship.

Process:

Applications for acceptance to the graduate program that are submitted in full by our priority December deadline, stated at the College's website, are reviewed by the Admissions Committee in January for the upcoming fall. Each committee member reviews the application and provides a score. Scores are typically based on academic record/preparation, writing, research interest alignment, and overall impression of the student's potential. The scores are averaged and the standard deviation between scores are determined. After the initial review and scoring, the committee meets to discuss the scores, rankings, and recommendations for potential funding and faculty advisors. The initial ranking begins with the highest average score, but ranking position can be adjusted following the committee's discussion and the availability of an appropriate faculty advisor (major professor). The College of Marine Science graduate program requires a faculty advisor's commitment to admit and mentor an applicant and provide the space, time, and resources to that applicant. If an applicant receives a high score or rank but is not be admitted to the program, then they cannot be offered a Von Rosenstiel Fellowship. If an applicant is offered a Von Rosenstiel Fellowship but receives a more lucrative fellowship from the University or an external agency (e.g., the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program), then the fellowship would be offered to the next highly ranked eligible student, at the Dean's, or the Dean's designee's, discretion.

II. The Anne & Werner Von Rosenstiel Endowed Research Fund in Marine Science

Purpose:

The primary purpose of the Von Rosenstiel Research Fund is to enable Von Rosenstiel Fellows to explore new ideas/concepts about the biological, chemical, geological or physical aspects of the ocean/ atmosphere system. Monies from this research fund may be used to purchase:

1) expendable supplies (e.g. chemicals, film, glassware, storage media, etc.) that are integral to research projects; 2) equipment (e.g. aquaria, computers, cameras, sensing systems, etc.) that is necessary for research projects; 3) travel costs (e.g., airline, car, bus tickets, hotel, etc.) to travel to an oceanographic cruise or to consult with a scientist whose expert advice is crucial to a research project; and 4) analytical services (x-ray diffraction, electron microscopy, gas chromatography, spectrophotometry, neutron activation analysis, etc.) that are integral to research projects.

This fund, in addition to the offer of a Von Rosenstiel Fellowship, provides a powerful recruitment inducement to a prospective new graduate student in USF's College of Marine Science. In short, the creation and subsequent application of a focused research fund (also referred to as a Von Rosenstiel expense account) will considerably enhance our ability to attract exceptionally talented new graduate students to the College of Marine Science. At the Dean's discretion, each Von Rosenstiel Fellow is awarded up to \$2,000.00 in their first year.

Eligibility:

Only Von Rosenstiel Fellows (see part I above for details) are eligible to apply for and receive funding from the Von Rosenstiel Research Fund, which must occur within the time period they are a Fellow.

Process:

Proposals for student support will be written in three pages or less and carry the signature of the student's faculty advisor (also known as their major professor). In no case will a proposal be considered that is lacking the signature of a faculty member of USF's College of Marine Science. In cases where the major advisor is not available, a student proposal may be accepted; provided another faculty member from the College of Marine Science approves the research plan and related expenditure. The Von Rosenstiel Research Fund will be focused on helping graduate students whose research is not being supported by federal grants and who need financial assistance to explore a new scientific idea/concept. In exceptional cases, students with federal funding will be supported by the Von Rosenstiel Research Fund. All proposals for the Von Rosenstiel Research Fund will be emailed as one PDF file to the Dean of the College of Marine Science (or the Dean's designee), who will be responsible for the decision to award and distribute this fund.