

Harris Center Community Partnership Jubilee Endowed Scholarship

The Harris Center's Community Scholarship is an endowed scholarship, based on earnings from the World Ecology Award Gala for Prince Albert II of Monaco in 2013. It was established in the spirit of the partnership in which the Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center was founded. Specifically, the Harris Center offers annually one or more Community Scholarships to UMSL-enrolled students, undergraduate or graduate, who propose to conduct research in conservation of biodiversity that links current research programs of two or more partner institutions. Current partners are the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the Missouri Botanical Garden, and the Saint Louis Zoo.

Guidelines and eligibility:

- Junior or senior undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Missouri-St. Louis majoring in biology with a cumulative 3.0 GPA are eligible to apply. Undergraduates should be sponsored by an UMSL, MBG, and/or SLZ research staff member who work with them to develop the research proposal.
- Graduate students enrolled at the University of Missouri-St. Louis working toward a graduate certificate in tropical biology and conservation with a cumulative 3.5 GPA are eligible to apply. There should be one or more named mentors at each partner institution who provide written endorsement of the proposal.
- Research related awards are up to \$7,000. Award funds can be used for field or laboratory supplies associated with the proposed work, or for travel and living expenses (if applicants will spend time away from their usual residence while conducting the research).

Proposals will be judged for their innovation and creativity, and likelihood for success. Proposals that are interdisciplinary will be given special consideration. Funding is for one year, and the amount requested should not exceed \$7,000. Proposals are due the first Monday in March of each year and are to be judged by the Harris Center Executive Committee. Award announcements will be made on or before April 15.

Application: Full research proposal (8 page single spaced limit plus appendices and justified budget) plus Curriculum Vita (2 page limit). Funding: up \$7,000.