BURNHAM RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCES, BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

Background

Will Burnham (1919-1992) was a Hydrogeologist with the US Geological Survey. He spent most of his career in Long Beach, CA. In 1966 he became the Water Resources Division district chief for Idaho before returning to California to finish his career. In 1976 Will Burnham retired from the USGS and became a consulting hydrogeologist in Boise, Idaho. During this time he and Rose Burnham established the Will and Rose Burnham Scholarship fund to support student research in the Department of Geosciences at Boise State University.

The Burnham Award

Burnham funds are awarded to help support student thesis/dissertation costs **directly related to research**. Funds can be used for laboratory analyses, travel for fieldwork, supplies and equipment, etc., but not for salary or travel to professional meetings. We anticipate awarding grants for up to \$1500 each. Funds will be available May 15 of each year and should be spent within 12 months.

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in any graduate program administered by the Department of Geosciences that requires a thesis or dissertation including the MS Geophysics, MS Geology, MS Hydrologic Sciences, PhD Geophysics, or PhD Geoscience program. Preference will be given to first year MS students and first/second year PhD students. MS student must have completed a proposal prior to receiving funding. Availability of other funds available to students through research grants, and prior receipt of Burnham funds will also be considered.

Application

Submit via email applications to susanhamblin@boisestate.edu with the subject line Burnham-yourname. Applications must include:

- 1. The attached cover page signed by the applicant and their research advisor
- 2. A short proposal containing the following elements
 - a. Thesis or Dissertation goals, research questions, and objectives (2 paragraphs)
 - b. Scope of work with
 - i. General approach explain how questions will be addressed (2 paragraphs)
 - ii. Proposed use of Burnham funds
 - c. Budget containing
 - i. Expenses to be covered by Burnham funds
 - ii. Anticipated expenses not covered by Burnham funds
 - iii. Statement about other funds available for this project

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Advisor:

Degree Program and Year (e.g. MS Geophysics, 1st year):

Project Title:

Amount you are requesting (maximum \$1500):

Have you applied for/or received other research grants to fund this project (e.g. GSA Student

Research Grant)? Yes No

If so, name of other research grant applied for and amount requested:

Applicant Signature:

Advisor statement: By signing below the Advisor acknowledges that the applicant

- is in good academic standing,
- has completed a proposal (for MS students)
- is making satisfactory progress toward developing a research plan (for PhD students)

Advisor Signature: _____