

Lou and Chosun Mastriani Award 2019

We are pleased to announce the Lou and Chosun Mastriani award. This award offers modest funds (up to \$2,000) to RSMAS undergraduate students in good standing in the field of marine biology and ecology, with a preference for students studying some aspect of corals. One to three awards are expected. Funds may be requested for (1) materials and supplies that support substantive research activities, (2) the costs of field work or visits to archives related to independent research, and (3) attendance at scientific meetings or conferences where original work is being presented. Funding decisions will be made by a subcommittee of the RSMAS faculty with final approval by the Program Directors and Associate Dean. This committee adheres to a broad definition of research (“research or scholarly activities that lead to the production of new knowledge”).

You are eligible to apply for the Mastriani Award if you are:

1. A RSMAS undergraduate student - including freshmen - in a degree-granting program, studying marine biology and ecology;
2. Enrolled during the semester of your grant award;
3. In good academic standing (not on probation, leave of absence or suspension).

How do I apply?

An application consists of the following:

1. A short research proposal (max two pages) with a clear statement of purpose and a summary of the research or activities to be conducted; the statement should identify your research mentor or supervisor;
2. An itemized budget, including total costs above what the Lou and Chosun Mastriani award offers and disclosure of any other available support;
3. A standard résumé (max two pages);
4. A letter of support from your advisor or faculty research mentor. This letter, addressed to the RSMAS Undergraduate Program Awards Committee, must be uploaded to Blackboard by your advisor/mentor.

Please indicate which award you are applying for (SURGE, Farmer, and /or Mastriani). You may apply to all three with one application.

In Blackboard, scroll down to "My Organizations" (below "My Courses"), and click on "RSMAS_Undergraduate_Funding_Opportunities." Select the "Content" folder toward the top left of the screen and choose the "RSMAS_Undergraduate_Funding_Opportunities" folder. Inside this folder, select: "RSMAS_Undergraduate_Funding_Opportunities_2019_Application."

Upload your application including the research proposal, budget, and résumé, to RSMAS_Undergraduate_Funding_Opportunities by using the naming convention (comprised of your last name): Lastname_Awards2019.pdf. The faculty should title the recommendation letter as: "Student's Lastname_Recommendation_Awards2019.pdf." If the letter is not from a UM employee, the letter should be emailed to moleksiak@miami.edu.

What are the Award Requirements?

By accepting a Mastriani award, you agree to:

1. Provide a written thank you note (postal mail) to Lou and Chosun Mastriani with details about your research. **This will be expected within one week of receiving this award.**
2. Present your work at the annual RSMAS Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium on Friday, April 17, 2020;
3. Provide a written assessment of your activities and an accounting of how funds were spent;
4. Follow animal or human subject protocols, if applicable.

Failure to satisfy these requirements will result in ineligibility for future awards.

Deadline for 2019 Applications: 5:00 PM, Friday, September 13