



Michael Gratson Field Experience Award in Wildlife at the University of Idaho

Dr. Michael Gratson was a senior research biologist employed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game who spent many years developing scientific practices to study elk ecology. Michael was a Ph.D. graduate in wildlife and one of the most innovative researchers in Idaho. He was highly intelligent and innovative in his techniques in not only developing “forerunner” ideas, but also in his quest to accomplish research the way he believed it should be done. His fieldwork was excellent, unbiased and his enthusiasm contagious.

The Michael Gratson Field Experience Award is offered to undergraduate students enrolled in the Wildlife Resources major (or minor) at the University of Idaho, College of Natural Resources. The award supports deserving students to obtain summer field work experiences that they might not otherwise afford and can be used to supplement an internship or summer employment. Preference will be given to students entering junior or senior year who show particular promise in wildlife studies. Students must be in good academic standing.

The recipient of this award will benefit through wildlife-related, hands-on, professional experience with state or federal agencies or private corporations. Individual awards typically run \$1000-4000 and can be used to cover travel to summer internship, food, a salary stipend or other justified requests.

To apply, please submit in a single PDF, by **May 1**, your resume, unofficial transcripts, and a letter of intent describing the title and duties of the position you will accept, rate of pay, housing and per diem, the amount of funds requested, and why you are taking the position over one that pays more. Explain how this position will help you reach your career goals and why the scholarship is needed to make it possible to accept the position. **Early applications are encouraged** and have a higher probability of being funded. For additional questions, contact Lisette Waits (lwaits@uidaho.edu).

Submit application to:

Patience Mateer pmateer@uidaho.edu include “Gratson Award” in the subject line. Applicants will be notified within 2 weeks of submission whether they will receive the funds. **Note you must be a WLF major or minor to receive this funding.**