**ESA Researchers at Undergraduate Institutions Section Student Travel Award**

The ESA Researchers at Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) Section will support the attendance of two outstanding students to the 2015 ESA Annual Meeting via two travel awards of **$300 each**. We expect these awards to be extremely competitive, and we encourage submissions from students in excellent academic standing. Applicants will be judged on the quality of application materials and not solely by financial need.

The applicant may be of any nationality and background, but their advisor must be a current member of the ESA Researchers at Undergraduate Institutions Section (or will become one at the upcoming meeting). Consequently, although most applicants may be undergraduates, graduate students may be eligible for the award as long as their advisor is a current RUI section. To further encourage student involvement with ESA, preference will be given to student applicants that choose to be members of the ESA Student Section at the time of application. The student must submit the application form and his/her abstract acceptance confirmation to Cameron Douglass (cameron.douglass@trincoll.edu) with “***ESA-RUI Travel Award***” in the email subject by midnight (EST) on **June 12th, 2015**. We will only accept electronic applications submitted as a single PDF before the application deadline.

The winners will be announced by **June 30th, 2015** and the information for receiving the economic support will be sent to them via e-mail. Winners must commit to attend the ESA RUI Section Mixer and Business Meeting that will take place 6:30-8 PM, Wednesday, August 12th, 2015.

We look forward to your application,

The ESA Researchers at Undergraduate Institutions Section

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| **Section I. Biographic, Academic and Research Details** |
| Applicant’s full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |
| E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |
| Home mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Academic institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Name of degree(s) and major/minor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Name of primary research advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| E-mail address of primary research advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ |
| Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Will the applicant be receiving other forms of assistance (financial/travel/housing) for the meeting? If so, please list details here (e.g. amount, source etc.): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Applicant ESA Student Section Member? | YES | NO |
| Advisor ESA RUI Section Member? *Note that this is a requirement to qualify for the grant.* | YES | NO |
| Applicant presenting as lead author? | YES | NO |
| Type of presentation? | Poster | Oral Paper |
| Title of ESA 2015 presentation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Additional presentation co-authors (if any): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Section II. Essays (each response must be 150 words or less)

a) You have initiated your scientific career at a primarily undergraduate institution (PUI) - what would you say is the most unique and beneficial aspect of conducting research as an undergraduate student in this setting?

b) Generally describe your research topic and objectives.

c) The theme of the centennial ESA meeting is “Ecological Science at the Frontier” - describe how you think that ecology (e.g. topics of study, field methods, statistical and other approaches) will change significantly over the next decade.