

RACHEL CARSON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

To recognize and support exceptional upper-division undergraduate and graduate students who pursue a degree toward any aspect of environmental sciences at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and who conduct active, original, and independent research on projects dealing with the preservation and enhancement of the natural environment. Scholarship assistance will be based on academic and scholarly achievements as well as financial need, and may be used to meet expenses related to the student's research project (e.g., laboratory/field equipment and supplies, field work, and travel to scientific conferences to present the research results) and/or successful completion of the student's degree (e.g., tuition/fees, books, and housing).

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be **upper-division undergraduate or graduate students** enrolled in the College of Science, College of Environmental Design, College of Engineering, or any other college that prepares the student for a career directly involved in the preservation and enhancement of the natural environment.
- Undergraduate applicants must have been enrolled full time during the previous academic year and must expect to be enrolled full time during the academic year in which the student applies; graduate applicants must be enrolled as full-time students during the previous academic year and must be enrolled for the next academic term.
- Applicants must have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.5 in all completed undergraduate and graduate work.
- Applicants must be involved in a research project (supervised by a Cal Poly Pomona faculty member) focused on the preservation and enhancement of the natural environment, and must present clear evidence of strong potential to conduct original and independent research.
- Special consideration will be given to applicants with aspiration to pursue doctoral degrees in any aspect of the environmental sciences, as well as to applicants with demonstrated financial need.
- A student may receive this award no more than two times (i.e., the award may be renewed only once).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) **Application form:** Applicants must complete the Biological Sciences Department Scholarships and Awards Application Form, which is available on the biology department website at <https://www.cpp.edu/~sci/biological-sciences/students/student-scholarships.shtml>.
- 2) **Personal statement:** Each applicant must write a brief letter describing their current academic and research interests, as well as future academic and career aspirations. The personal statement should also describe the research project for which support is requested. The personal statement should not exceed 1,000 words.
- 3) **Résumé or curriculum vitae:** Submit a complete and up-to-date résumé (or curriculum vitae).
- 4) **Transcripts:** Submit a transcript of your coursework at Cal Poly Pomona as well as transferred coursework from other schools (unofficial transcripts are accepted).
- 5) **Recommendation letters:** Arrange for **two** letters in support of your application; at least one must be from the student's academic/research advisor. The letters must be submitted separately by the recommenders at the following website <https://www.cpp.edu/~sci/biological-sciences/students/bio-scholarship-recommendation.shtml>. In the event that a recommender is unable to submit a letter via the website, they should contact the chair(s) of the Student Award Committee to arrange for an alternative way to submit a letter (contact information for the chair(s) is provided on the award website: <https://www.cpp.edu/~sci/biological-sciences/students/student-scholarships.shtml>). The letter should be addressed to the Scholarships and Awards Committee. In addition, each recommender's letter must cover **ALL** scholarships/awards for which the student is applying, NOT separate letters for each scholarship.
- 6) **Project budget.** Submit a budget and budget narrative. Up to \$5,000 may be justified to meet expenses related to the student's research project (e.g., laboratory/field equipment and supplies, field work, and travel to

scientific conferences to present the research results) and/or successful completion of the student's degree (e.g., tuition/fees, books, and housing). The budget narrative should be limited to one page.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

All materials must be addressed to the **Rachel Carson Environmental Science Scholarship Committee**. Requested application materials for this scholarship, except for recommendation letters, must be compiled into a single pdf file named as "Last name_Carson Scholarship", and uploaded at: <https://www.cpp.edu/~sci/biological-sciences/students/bio-scholarship-application.shtml>. Applications must be received by **April 6th**.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION AND AWARD NOTIFICATION DATE

A committee comprised of faculty members of the Biological Sciences Department will review the applications and select the scholarship recipient. As appropriate, representatives from other academic areas may be invited to review, and make recommendations regarding the merit of, the applications. The scholarship recipient will be notified at the end of April, and the scholarship will be presented near the end of the Spring Semester at the Biological Sciences Department Awards Ceremony.

In addition to the monetary award, the scholarship recipient will be given a certificate of recognition, and their name will be added to a perpetual plaque of commendation in the Biological Sciences Department Office.

Final Report

The scholarship recipient will be expected to submit a final report at the end of the scholarship period that describes the student's academic and research accomplishments during the period of support. The report should be submitted to the Chair of the Biological Sciences Department Student Awards Committee and/or the Chair of the Biological Sciences Department.