

EDWARD T. ROCHE RESEARCH ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIP

A **\$1000 award** in recognition of superior academic performance and promise in honor of Professor Emeritus **DR. EDWARD T. ROCHE** and his commitment and dedication to students, will be awarded to a research assistant in the Biological Sciences Department. Dr. Roche provided encouragement, acted as a mentor, and presented foundations in Biological Sciences to many who have become successful researchers, teachers, and medical doctors. The scholarship recognizes outstanding academic achievement and potential, and enables the recipient to become, or continue as, a student research assistant in the laboratory of a faculty member in Biological Sciences.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must be **undergraduate students with senior status (90 semester units completed by the start of the Fall Semester of the academic year in which the student applies)** in one of the Biological Sciences majors, or **graduate students in Biological Sciences during the academic year in which they apply.**
- 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 part-time or full-time students during the previous academic year and must be enrolled for the next academic term.
- Undergraduate student applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.3 in all major core and support courses completed as well as a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 in all university work since achieving sophomore status. Graduate student applicants, in addition to the undergraduate requirements, must have earned a GPA of 3.3 or greater in all completed graduate work.
- Preference may be given to applicants not compensated from other sources for serving as a research assistant.
- An individual may not receive this scholarship more than 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) **Transcripts:** Submit a transcript of your coursework at Cal Poly Pomona as well as transferred coursework from other schools (unofficial transcripts are accepted).
- 3) **Personal Statement:** Submit the **Awards Application** form along with: (1) a personal statement (not exceeding 1,000 words) that addresses your interests, activities, accomplishments, and career aspirations in biology, and (2) a one-page description of your current or proposed research project.
- 4) **Recommendation Letters:** Arrange for **three** letters in support of your application. At least two of them must be from faculty members in the College of Science at Cal Poly Pomona. One letter must be from your current or prospective faculty research mentor that outlines the nature and scope of the research project, and addresses your qualifications to perform the research. 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.
- 5) **Curriculum Vitae:** Include a **1-page** CV outlining all relevant accomplishments and activities related to this award.

DUE DATE:

Requested application materials for this scholarship, except for recommendation letters, must be compiled into a single pdf file named as "Last name_Roche 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 members of the Biological Sciences faculty will review the applications and select the scholarship recipient. The committee will look particularly at past accomplishments and the future potential of each applicant. The scholarship recipient will be notified of the result of their application in the fourth week of April, and the Scholarship will be presented near the end of the Spring Semester at the Department of Biological Sciences Awards Ceremony.

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