

## Dr. STEVEN J. WICKLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of **Dr. Steven J. Wickler** and his commitment to his students and science, a \$1000 scholarship will be awarded in recognition of a graduate student who develops into a strong candidate for doctoral-level education during their graduate study at Cal Poly Pomona. Dr. Wickler was an active researcher in animal physiology and biomechanics, as well as an award-winning teacher and a well-respected colleague. He had a special ability to encourage students to blossom, by developing a passion and ability to pursue a career involving life-long learning in the sciences. Through his mentoring most of his students continued their studies in various professional programs (DVM, MD, PhD, or MPH) after graduating from Cal Poly Pomona.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must be **graduate students** enrolled in the College of Agriculture or the College of Science, who study some aspect of animal or human biology, especially physiology, ecology or evolution. Applicants must have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.2 in all completed graduate work.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have a high probability of completing their education at the doctoral level in the life or allied health sciences (e.g. DVM, MD, PhD, or MPH) as a result of the mentoring they received during their Masters' work while attending Cal Poly Pomona.

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

- 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:** Each applicant must write a brief letter describing their current work, their view of life-long learning, along with their future education and career goals.
- 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. 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 of the Student Award Committee to arrange for an alternative way to submit a letter (contact information for the chair 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.

### DUE DATE:

Requested application materials for this scholarship, except for recommendation letters, must be compiled into a single pdf file named as "Last name\_Wickler 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 scholarship recipient will be notified the result of their application by 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 cash award, the recipient will be given a certificate of recognition, and their name will be added to a plaque of commendation in the Biological Sciences Department Office.