

James W. Dixon Undergraduate Field Assistant Award

Designation Purpose:

The James W. Dixon Undergraduate Field Assistant Award in Geology shall be used to provide a field assistant award in the Department of Geosciences for undergraduate geology and geophysics majors. This award will subsidize the expenses of undergraduate students and allow them the opportunity to gain valuable experience while assisting Geology graduate students in their field research. The amount of the awards will vary depending upon the specific costs associated with the student projects. Geology graduate students will propose the names of prospective undergraduate students to the Graduate Program Director of the Geosciences Department for consideration, along with a preliminary budget for the field work associated with the thesis or dissertation project. The GPD will select one or more undergraduate students as recipients, and their names would be reported to the Dixon family. Recipient(s) will be named the James W. Dixon Undergraduate Field Assistants, and his/her name will be engraved on a brass tag and put on a plaque in the display cabinet in the main hallway outside of the Geosciences office.

Designation Recognition:

The James W. Dixon Undergraduate Field Assistant Award in the Department of Geology was established in 2006 by Dr. Jan Dixon, Executrix for the estate of Dr. James W. Dixon. Family members will honor Dr. Dixon's legacy in the field of geology by establishing The James W. Dixon Undergraduate Field Assistant Award in the Department of Geology because of the tremendous benefit such as award would have on undergraduate students, such as providing support to graduate students who would otherwise have to conduct field work in remote areas by themselves without assistant support and providing a mechanism to ensure undergraduate students have the opportunity to conduct and experience field work.

Application process for James W. Dixon Undergraduate Field Assistant Award

Eligibility requirements

- (1) The undergraduate Dixon Field Assistant must be a declared Geology or Geophysics major.

- (2) The research must have a component of field research.

The James A. Dixon Field Undergraduate Field Assistant Award will be awarded directly to the undergraduate.

Application procedure

Applications for the Dixon Field Assistant Award must be submitted by the graduate student with whom the undergraduate will be working electronically to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Daniel Peppe to daniel_peppe@baylor.edu. Applications are accepted every academic year until April 30.

Dixon Field Assistant Award applications must include:

- (1) One page summary about the research project on which the undergraduate student will be working and how the undergraduate student will benefit the project.

- (2) A brief fieldwork plan including information about where the fieldwork will be conducted, the approximate dates, and other participants in the fieldwork. As field plans can change, this plan can be tentative and subject to change.

- (3) A budget and budget justification for the undergraduate's expenses.
 - a. Expenses can include (but are not limited to) field expenses (food, lodging, travel) and equipment.
 - b. All money awarded from the Dixon Field Assistant Award must be used for expenses associated with fieldwork.