

**Alison MacDonald Doherty Research Scholarship:**  
**Deadline is February 10, 2017**

**General Conditions:**

1. The scholarship is awarded in recognition of a research proposal judged to have significant scientific merit, academic excellence, and the likelihood of completion. It is an award for academic/research promise and potential. It is **NOT** intended as a reward for after the fact accomplishment.
  - (a) Primary consideration for the award is that the money be used in some tangible way to complete the research. Examples might be, but are not limited to, purchase of equipment, thin sections, radiometric age dates, isotope analysis, cost of using analytical facilities at JMU or other institutions where fees are charged, purchase of special chemicals necessary to conduct the research, etc.
  - (b) Secondary considerations would be to support travel expenses to professional meetings to give a verbal presentation of the research, or transportation charges to conduct field research.
  - (c) Tertiary consideration would be to provide salary, either during the academic semester or in the summer, while doing research, or travel to a professional meeting to have a poster session.
2. The Scholarship will be in the \$500.00 to \$800.00 range per recipient. Either two or one will be awarded annually, depending on the quality of applications received. We have different amounts of money available each year; thus we cannot promise a fixed amount. Also we are required by the Foundation to award the scholarship money each year.
3. Once the award is given, the student may use these funds in any way they chose (they have to report it for taxes). However, they should be *encouraged* to use the funds to support their research activities.
4. The scholarship holder is required to give a presentation of his/her research at the JMU Spring Research Seminar

**Applying for the award:**

1. The applicant must be a declared **Major** of the Geology & Environmental Science department at the time of application – BS or BA.
2. The applicant must be of **Sophomore rank or higher** at the time (Spring Semester) of application, and will be enrolled at JMU for the following semester (Fall semester of the next academic year).
3. It is the student's responsibility to complete and submit the scholarship application to the geology office. There are no GPA restrictions for submitting an application, but the GPA can be taken into consideration by the award committee.
4. The application deadline will be **February 10, 2017.**

5. The recipients of this award will be made public prior to the **Spring Honors Awards** Ceremony.
6. The application form for this award will be available on request from the Department of Geology & Environmental Science Office, and attached with this announcement.
7. The award is **NOT** to be based on financial need. It is an award based on academic potential for research accomplishment, with consideration of the predicted expenses to complete the project.
8. The committee chair will receive student applications up through **February 10**. The award committee will have determined the recipient(s) by the end of **February**. This is the time that the Foundation will require their name(s). A Scholarship Nomination Form (**SNF**) must be submitted to the Foundation by the **Department Head**.
9. Money will be available from the Foundation **after July 1<sup>st</sup>**, and will be deposited into the recipients account during the first week of **August**.

### **Presentation of the Award**

1. The award will be announced for the Spring Honors night in April, but the money will not be available to the student until after the first week in August.
2. A hall plaque with brass plates will be purchased by the department. Recipient names will be added annually as we do with other awards.