



ROBERT ESTABROOK MOELLER MEMORIAL FUND - RESEARCH FELLOW AWARD

Dr. Robert E. Moeller was a long-time friend and supporter of Lacawac Sanctuary who passed away in 2011. Robert was a limnologist who spent many years at Lacawac conducting research on Lake Lacawac and other nearby Pocono lakes. Robert's interests in limnology were broad and encompassed diverse topics including paleolimnology, aquatic botany, and the ecology of ultraviolet radiation. Throughout his career, Robert was generous in giving his time to help students and colleagues with their research. Robert's generosity extended to his establishment of an endowed fund, that with enhanced support from his family and friends, now supports promising students and faculty in limnology.

Lacawac Sanctuary welcomes applications for the Robert Estabrook Moeller Memorial Fund Research Fellow Award. Applicants can be students or faculty. The award supports scholars conducting limnological research on Lake Lacawac and other Pocono region lakes. The award must be used in support of research done while the investigator is in residence at Lacawac Sanctuary. Preference will be given to scholars who are new Lacawac users or are starting new projects, and who also request funding to cover Lacawac lodging, lab, and/or boat fees. *Awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$1,500.*

An application (maximum of three pages) should include:

- **Title:** short, descriptive title of the research project
- **Project description:** Include the specific objectives as well as approach and methods for the period of support. The researcher is required to adhere to all guidelines established by the home institution including, but not limited to, guidelines for safety and research involving human subjects or vertebrate animals.
- **Budget:** itemized budget request proposing how research funds will be used.
- **Lacawac lodging plan:** an indication of the dates when the applicant plans to be in residence at Lacawac
- **Faculty information (for student applicants only):** name and institutional affiliation of a faculty member who is supervising or sponsoring the student's research
- **Contact information:** name, academic institution, mailing address, phone number, email address, and if you have received prior Lacawac funding
- **Letter of recommendation (for student applicants only):** accompanying the application should be a brief letter of recommendation on institutional letterhead from the supervising/sponsoring faculty member. This letter can be submitted separately from the application.

Requirements: Successful applicants will submit a summary report of results no later than 60 days following the end of the award period. A copy of any resulting publications should acknowledge the Robert Estabrook Moeller Memorial Fund and be submitted to Lacawac's Director of Research and Education.

Review of application: begins April 15 each year and will continue until all funds are awarded

Application materials or questions should be submitted to Dr. Sarah Princiotta, Director of Research and Education. Preferred submission is via email (pdf or word document) to: sarah.princiotta@lacawac.org. Hard copies can be sent to: Lacawac Sanctuary, 94 Sanctuary Rd, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

All applications will be reviewed by the Lacawac Science Committee, which consists of approximately ten working scientist/educators associated with approximately seven different institutions.