



## 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 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 researchers in ecology and environmental science.

Lacawac Sanctuary welcomes applications for the Robert Estabrook Moeller Memorial Fund Research Fellow Award. Applicants can be graduate students, post docs, or faculty. The award supports scholars conducting ecological research that incorporates Lacawac's natural resources. Preference will be given to scholars who are new Lacawac users or are starting new projects, and who request funding to cover Lacawac lodging, lab, and/or boat fees. *Awards are up to \$4,000 but generally range from \$1,000 to \$2,500.*

All applications must include:

- **Title:** short, descriptive title of the research project.
- **Project description (2 page maximum):** Include specific objectives, study design, methods, and intellectual merit of the proposed research. 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. Matching funds are not required. See <https://www.lacawac.org/fees--usage-policies.html> for current Lacawac fees.
- **Lacawac use plan:** Describe how Lacawac natural resources (habitats, species, etc.), infrastructure (boats, sampling equipment, lab space and instrumentation, etc.), and lodging will be used. Be as detailed (i.e. # of people, specific dates) as possible.
- **Applicant CV:** Include mailing address, phone number, and email address.
- **Description of prior Lacawac research/funding:** briefly describe prior research conducted at Lacawac. Include objectives and notable findings, publications generated, and funding sources. Note prior Lacawac funding.

Applications from graduate students and post-docs must include:

- **Faculty CV:** CV of faculty member supervising or sponsoring the research.
- **Letter of recommendation:** a brief letter of recommendation on institutional letterhead from the supervising/sponsoring faculty member. This letter can be submitted separately from the application.

**Requirements:** All publications resulting from the supported research must acknowledge Lacawac Sanctuary and the Robert Estabrook Moeller Memorial Fund. A digital copy must be submitted to Lacawac's Director of Science and Research upon publication. Awardees may be asked to contribute an article to Lacawac's newsletter, "Forest Notes", describing their research for a general audience or to present their research at Lacawac's Ecology Symposium. Awardees are expected to comply with these requests if at all possible.

**Review of application:** Rolling application cycle each year and will continue until all funds are awarded. All applications will be reviewed by the Lacawac Science Committee, which consists of approximately ten working scientist/educators associated with approximately seven different institutions.

**Application submission:** Materials or questions should be submitted to Beth Norman, Director of Science and Research. Email (pdf or word document) is preferred ([beth.norman@lacawac.org](mailto:beth.norman@lacawac.org), subject: "Moeller Award Application"). Hard copies can be sent to: Lacawac Sanctuary, ATTN Beth Norman, 94 Sanctuary Rd, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.