

## Scholarship Announcement and Application

The Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture is pleased to announce the Marin Rod and Gun Club (MR&GC) Scholarships for 2020. This club will be awarding **two \$2,000 scholarships** to **UC Davis Graduate Students** who are working on research related to fish conservation. The MR&GC has an extensive history of supporting conservation efforts that protect game fish in Marin County and throughout California. The club's activities often focus around habitat restoration and aquatic health. Applicants will be selected based on their relevance to MR&GC's overarching objective of **game fish** conservation.

### Application Instructions

#### Submission:

Please complete the attached application using language appropriate for the layperson. Convert the application section only to a PDF file and submit it to Linda Deanovic, the Director of the Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture, at [ladeanovic@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ladeanovic@ucdavis.edu) no later than **Friday, April 24, 2020**.

#### Minimum Applicant Requirements:

An applicant must meet the minimum requirements to be considered for full review by the selection committee. These requirements include:

- A completed application form. Incomplete applications will be rejected during the first stage of reviews.
- Current enrollment as a graduate student at UCD and conducting research related to fish conservation. Research topics can include riparian or limnetic ecology, fish physiology, environmental toxicology, natural resources management or fish conservation. An enrollment verification from the Registrar's Office must be attached to the application form. This verification can be downloaded from <https://registrar.ucdavis.edu/records/verifications.cfm>.
- An agreement to present their work at a MR&GC meeting. The presentation language must be suitable for a lay audience.
- An agreement to acknowledge the support from MR&GC in any presentations or publications resulting from their research.

#### Selection and Award Process:

- 1) The applications will be reviewed by Linda Deanovic initially to determine whether students meet the minimum applicant requirements stated above.

2) The eligible applications will be forwarded to a selection committee comprised of three UCD faculty members in a conservation biology-related field.

3) The selection committee will rank the applications:

First, by their relevance to important game fish species,

Second, by their conservation focus. Projects should involve common conservation activities such as monitoring and assessing population trends, identifying and reducing anthropogenic effects on fish populations, and preserving or restoring habitats.

And finally, by their relevance to important river systems in the state of California such as the North Coast streams, the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and major tributaries, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and the San Francisco Bay.

4) The top two ranked applications will be forwarded to the MR&GC for final approval. Linda Deanovic will inform the selected scholarship recipients no later than Friday, June 26, 2020, and will provide detail of when award disbursements through Student Accounting will process.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Deanovic at [ladeanovic@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ladeanovic@ucdavis.edu) or at (916) 812-6393.

## Application Form for the Marin Rod and Gun Club Scholarship for 2020

<b>Applicant's Name:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Graduate Program:</b>	
<b>Currently Enrolled:</b>	(Yes or No)

Describe your background qualifications, including your research interests, career goals, and participation in fish conservation activities (1500 character limit):

Briefly describe the background, objectives, and methods of the research you plan to support with this award (1500 character limit):

Describe how the results of your project will inform management decisions and benefit fish conservation in important waterbodies within the state (1000 character limit):

Describe how these scholarship funds will be used specifically to support your research (500 character limit):

I have attached my UCD graduate school enrollment verification to this application. If awarded this scholarship, I agree to present my research at a Marin Rod and Gun Club Meeting within one year of receiving the award. I also agree to acknowledge their support in any presentations or publications that reflect the funded research.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_