

GCAGS FACULTY GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Program Description

The Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies is sponsoring a Faculty Grant Program pursuing research in the **Gulf Coast** region of the United States. In 2008, the GCAGS will award two faculty grants; one for \$10,000.00 and one for \$5,000 respectively. Research projects concerning any of the following fields of study related to the Gulf Coast region are eligible to be considered for a grant: geology, geophysics, energy and mineral resources, geohydrology, environmental geology, and paleontology. Also eligible are general geosciences topics with direct, well-explained application to the Gulf Coast region.

Procedure for Applicants

A five page proposal outlining the research project and typewritten in English is required. The proposal is to be accompanied by a budget and an estimate of expenses to be incurred while conducting the research. A timetable complete with milestones must be included with the proposal package. Requests for support should not exceed \$10,000.00 although the itemized budget for the research project may indicate a greater expenditure. Each proposal should clearly describe how the research project relates to an aspect of Gulf Coast geology. All application documents are to be submitted to Danny W. Harrelson, Chairman, GCAGS Faculty Grant Committee no later than **February 28, 2008**.

Procedure for Review of Project Proposals

After the submittal deadline of **February 28, 2008**, the GCAGS Faculty Grant Committee will review the proposals. Applicants will be informed of the committee's decisions following approval by the GCAGS Board of Directors at its spring meeting. Award decisions will be based on the proposal's originality, application of geologic principles, presentation, and relevance to **Gulf Coast** geology and the qualifications of the applicant.

Awardees Responsibilities / Publication / Presentation

Awardees receiving support must submit to the Faculty Grant Committee Chairman a **one-page progress report** on the funded research within one year after receiving the grant. Grant awardees are also strongly urged to submit their research results to the GCAGS for consideration for presentation at the Annual Convention and publication in the GCAGS **Transactions**. The abstract should be sent to the GCAGS Convention Program Chairman for review and consideration (as defined by the guidelines and deadlines for each **convention**) within one year following completion of the research. Papers submitted by awardees will follow the same review as other papers processed for the technical sessions. A submission does not obligate the GCAGS to accept the paper for presentation at the Annual Convention or for publication in the GCAGS **Transactions**. Any research grant awardees that have a paper accepted for a GCAGS technical session will also be eligible for a Travel & Presentation Grant. The application form and instructions for the Travel Grant are provided in this package. The Travel & Presentation Grant program is in effect for awardees in 2003 and later years.

Submit all application materials in **hard copy** by **February 28, 2008** to:

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