

John Tschirhart Graduate Scholarship in Bioeconomics

October 8, 2019

The John Tschirhart Graduate Scholarship in Bioeconomics was generously created by Dr. Paul Turner with matching funds from the College of Business at the University of Wyoming. The scholarship will facilitate and support bioeconomic research in the spirit of John's research. Examples of such research includes work on endangered species protection, equilibrium models of an ecosystem, predator-prey models, policies to correct ecosystem externalities, and optimal harvesting models. Proposals focusing on other aspects of coupled biological and human systems are also welcome. The guidelines for administering the prize are as follows:

- A committee of three, initially comprised of John Tschirhart, David Finnoff, and Jason Shogren, will review scholarship proposals. The number of scholarship awards selected each year is dependent on qualifying submissions. At his/her discretion, the department head for the Department of Economics may award funds available to qualifying students. If, in the judgement of the Department of Economics, there is no eligible applicant, the scholarship(s) available for appropriation may be reserved for use in subsequent years. The scholarship dollars awarded in a particular year will vary and is commensurate with the quality of the submission and funding needed to execute the research project. Scholarship awards will range from \$5,000-\$10,000, with \$5,000 being the typical award. If, in the judgement of the Department of Economics, there is no eligible applicant, the funds available for appropriation may be reserved for use in subsequent years.
- A call for proposals will be announced to the graduate students by January 31. Proposals will be due to the committee by March 31. Proposals should be no more than two single-spaced pages and should clearly state the design and purpose of the research, the contribution to the relevant literature, a timeline to complete the study, and a one-time annual budget request of no more than \$10,000. Scholarship funds can be used to collect data, present at conferences, travel to work with co-authors, augment summer stipend, etc.
- Prizes will be announced by April 15 and recognized at the University of Wyoming College of Business annual banquet.
- Funded projects will be expected to give a presentation to the Department of Economics upon completion, most likely in the fall semester following the award year. Scheduling of the presentation will vary from year-to-year, but the intention is to pick a date that both John Tschirhart and Paul Turner can attend.
- The scholarship program will be evaluated after the first three years, and if successful, will be renewed for another three years.