The College of Idaho invites applications for the Environmental Leadership Initiative. This competitive program provides funding for students of any major to use for research, travel, internship programs, or other relevant experiences that will contribute to their development as environmental leaders. The program targets students who hope to become environmental leaders, whether in the sciences, policy, education, law, or another relevant field. Accordingly, applicants must be students at The College of Idaho who plan to do graduate work or pursue a career in an environmental field. Requests may not exceed $1000.

The Environmental Leadership Initiative

This program provides funding to students who show exceptional promise as environmental leaders. Funding may be used at any time during 2016-2017 (including the summer) for: costs associated with travel for internship or research experiences in an environmental field; equipment or supplies necessary for guided research experiences in an environmental field; and/or stipends to supplement unpaid (or low-paying) internships in the environmental field, including living expenses. The program is funded through the generosity of alumni of The College of Idaho who are committed to increasing educational opportunities for students who intend to pursue careers or graduate school in an environmentally-related field and who hope to become environmental leaders.

The Application Process

Applicants must submit a 500-word narrative proposal (supplemented by any supporting documents) describing their purpose and goals in seeking funds. Applications should also indicate: 1) the student’s year at The College of Idaho; 2) the student’s anticipated graduation date; 3) the student’s declared major and minors (including, if relevant, the Focus within the ES major); 4) the name of the student’s faculty major advisor; 5) the student’s cumulative GPA at the time the application is submitted; and 6) a project budget (included as an attachment). The application should also include the name of two faculty members at CofI who have indicated a willingness to serve as references for the student. (The selection committee, which is appointed by the Chair of ES, will contact the references; the students need not seek reference letters for the purposes of this application.) Applications should also include an unofficial transcript from The College of Idaho. Applications are due by email attachment to Scott Knickerbocker, Chair of ES, by April 11, 2015.

Reporting Requirements

Successful applicants are required to deliver at least one formal presentation concerning the goals and accomplishments of their funded experiences (preferably at the Student Research Conference at The College of Idaho and also in Boise to a gathering of alumni and friends who support the program). They are also required to write a brief summary of their experience (with accompanying photographs) for use on The College’s web site and in publicity materials. Presentations should be scheduled by the student in consultation with the ES Chair.