

First Student Research Grant Awarded by Museum

The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History, The College of Idaho, has recently awarded its first Student Research Grant.

Anna Chase, recent (May 2016) graduate from The College of Idaho, received the \$500 grant for her proposed research project "Lower Boise River Mollusk Inventory." Field work is projected to take place late in the summer to take advantage of lower river flows.

The Student Research Grant program was started in the Museum about a year ago. The fund was initiated by Dr. Julia Sankey, a C of I alumna, with contributions from current Museum Board Members and others interested in fostering student research involving the Museum's collections. The intent is to award such a grant during each semester (including summer), as long as qualified applicants and projects are available. Successful applicants will be required to manage a budget for the project and present their findings to the Museum as well as to a scientific symposium.

Anyone interested in making application for such a project can make the request to the Museum Board.



Anna Chase ('16) first recipient of the Museum Student Research Grant Award, summer 2016.