



## **NASPS-GRS Student Mentor Collaboration Award**

The World Sturgeon Conservation Society (WSCS) announces the Student Mentor Collaboration Award between the North American Sturgeon and Paddlefish Society (NASPS) and the German Society to Save the Sturgeon (GRS). WSCS and its affiliated societies, NASPS and GRS, focus on the conservation, restoration, development, awareness, and wise use of sturgeon and paddlefish fisheries. Further, the Societies seek to promote and evaluate the development and advancement of sturgeon and paddlefish fisheries science and management.

The purpose of this award is to support establishment of a collaboration between a graduate student working on sturgeon or paddlefish research and a sturgeon or paddlefish researcher or manager to transfer technology, training, and/or aid in the completion of the student's degree. Collaborations should directly advance science and lead to career development for the student.

A single award to be split by the NASPS and GRS will be given annually for \$2,000 (USD). Applicants must be currently enrolled as a graduate student in Canada, the U.S., or Germany and must be student members of NASPS, GRS, or the WSCS.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. A curriculum vitae,
2. A letter describing your:
  - a. Project proposal indicating why the exchange would be important for completion of your project,
  - b. Educational history: degrees, grade point average (overall and in major), and relevant courses taken,
  - c. Past commitment to sturgeon and paddlefish science including meeting attendance and participation, service/committee involvement, publications, and presentations of sturgeon and paddlefish research at meetings,
3. A letter of support from your major professor/advisor,
4. A letter of support from the mentor at the supporting institution.

The letter from the major professor/advisor should describe the value of and need for developing the collaboration for the student's research and completion of degree and the student's merit. This letter should not exceed 1 page.

The letter from the mentor should describe their role in the transfer of technology or knowledge to the graduate student. Details on the mentor's contribution in terms of space, time, equipment and consumables should also be included. This letter should not exceed 1 page.

**Application Deadline: October 1, 2018**

The awardee will be announced November 1, 2018. Funds will be handed out in advance of travel.

A report by the student detailing the collaboration between the graduate student and mentor must be submitted to NASPS and GRS within three months of completion of the collaboration, and no later than 15 months following receipt of the award. The NASPS and GRS should be acknowledged within all presentations, reports, and publications of the work resulting from the collaboration.

This is the first NASPS-GRS Student-Mentor Collaboration Award. In the future, we hope to include students from other countries that support sturgeon and paddlefish conservation and fisheries management. For further information, please contact [nasps@nasps-sturgeon.com](mailto:nasps@nasps-sturgeon.com) or [sturgeon@igb-berlin.de](mailto:sturgeon@igb-berlin.de).