

OTTO WILLIAM GEIST FUND AWARDS 2012 GUIDELINES

BACKGROUND: The Otto William Geist Fund was established by Otto Geist in 1963 for the explicit purposes of:

- Acquisitions of archeological or paleontological material for the University.
- Financing in whole or in part expeditions for archaeological or paleontological field research.
- Scholarships or fellowship grants for students majoring in anthropology (archaeology) or paleontology.

The Geist Fund Committee, created by the Geist Endowment, has sole power, authority, and responsibility for the execution of the terms of the bequest and may act on its own authority as to the emphasis of awards during any given time period, normally once per calendar year in the month of April.

GUIDELINES: When evaluating student proposals, the following criteria shall apply:

1. Preference will be given to projects that enhance UA Museum collections through new acquisitions, conservation and research.
2. Preference will be given to proposals that match Geist funds with other sources of funding.
3. For graduating seniors or graduating Master's students, priority will be given to those continuing in UAF graduate programs.
4. Preference will be given to Ph.D. students who have advanced to candidacy and M.A. students who have passed their proposal defense.
5. Students who were not previously funded at their current academic level will be given preference.
6. All decisions rendered by the Geist Fund Committee regarding awards are final. No appeals will be considered. Applicants whose proposals are not funded may resubmit proposals during subsequent funding cycles.
7. Proposals which require or anticipate the collection of specimens or samples must specify that all such specimens and samples will be accessioned, catalogued and deposited in the University of Alaska Museum or have a written waiver from curator.
8. If a proposal is submitted by more than one individual, the total funding requested should remain within the prevailing levels suggested in the annual announcement of the funding cycle.
9. If two or more individuals choose to conduct research on the same topic, area, or site and each wishes to request funding within the levels set forth in the announcement, a separate proposal should be submitted by each applicant and must clearly delimit the role(s) of the investigator(s) and the anticipated results and products.
10. The application deadline is **April 2, 2012**. Please submit the the following documents:
 - Application form **and** proposal
 - Copy of appropriate permits (or application for permit), if applicable
 - Permission from curator of designated repository
 - Letter of recommendation
11. Please submit your report electronically to the Geist Fund Chair (see below).
12. Any and all materials or information must be submitted at one time by. **Incomplete packets will not be accepted.**
13. Applicants are reminded that a good proposal is a self-contained unit which provides all of the information necessary for reviewers to adequately evaluate a proposal. Proposals should include project description, purpose, procedure, and budget (including amount, source, and use of other funds).
14. Submissions for projects already completed by the applicant will not be considered.
15. A **final report**, including a financial report on supported projects, must be submitted by **March 8, 2013**. The final report should include an abstract, results/outcomes of Geist Fund-supported work, and how these results contribute to the study/project as a whole. Original receipts are **required**.
16. Applications will not be returned.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Geist Fund Chair: **Dr. Patrick Druckenmiller**, University of Alaska Museum Earth Science Curator, 907 Yukon Dr, Fairbanks, AK 99775; 474-6954; psdruckenmiller@alaska.edu