Attention Students and Young Professionals:

The International Fisheries Section (IFS) of the American Fisheries Society is excited to announce the 2020 International Fisheries Section Fellow Award. The Fellow will represent IFS/AFS with an oral presentation at the 2020 Fisheries Society of the British Isles (FSBI) Annual Symposium, July 27-31, at Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom. The theme of the 2020 FSBI Annual Symposium is “Fish in a Dynamic World.”

Application

Applications for the 2020 IFS Fellow Award are due 11:59pm (PST) March 13, 2020.

To apply, please submit the following information as a single PDF document to the IFS Fellow Program Committee Chair, Mary Fisher (mfisher5@uw.edu), and Deputy Committee Chair, Thiago Sanches (tmsanches@ucdavis.edu), by 11:59pm (PST) on March 13, 2020:

- **Letter of interest**: please include a description of how you will benefit from attending the FSBI Annual Symposium, and information about your involvement in the American Fisheries Society.

- **Proposed FSBI presentation title and abstract**: you are still eligible for this award even if you did not separately submit your abstract for the FSBI Annual Symposium through the FSBI website.

- **Concise resume** (3-page maximum)

- **Proposed travel budget** (i.e. airfare, ground transportation); please specify availability of supporting funds from other sources if budget exceeds the travel allowance.

The award recipient will be notified by April 10, 2020.

Award

The IFS and Education Section of the American Fisheries Society provide up to $2100 in travel funding (airfare and ground travel) for the chosen IFS Fellow to attend the FSBI Annual Symposium in the United Kingdom. The FSBI provides funding for the costs of registration, hotel, and per diem during the FSBI Annual Symposium.
Similarly, the FSBI selects a student or young professional member to attend and present at the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting in the United States. Local hosting of each exchange scholar is carried out by the hosting society, ensuring that attendees have the greatest exposure to the membership and meeting as possible.

Responsibilities

The awarded Fellow is expected to fulfill the following obligations:

- Attend the 2020 FSBI Annual Symposium and present an oral presentation.
- Submit to the Committee Chair a travel report and photographs for print publication by August 31, 2020 (read the 2019 IFS Fellow report here).
- Submit travel receipts to the Committee Chair and IFS Treasurer by August 31, 2020 for expense reimbursement.
- Serve as the Deputy Committee Chair of the IFS Fellow Program in 2021, and the Committee Chair in 2022.

Eligibility

This award is open to all American Fisheries Society Student members or American Fisheries Society members who are within 3 years of graduation. Current membership with the American Fisheries Society is mandatory to apply for and receive this award.

Award Criteria

Fellows will be selected by a committee led by the IFS Fellow Program Committee Chair and Deputy Committee Chair, according to the following guidelines:

- The application should (1) communicate how the award will benefit the applicant, (2) demonstrate the applicant’s experience in leadership/mentorship roles and presenting research to academic or other audiences, and (3) detail the applicant’s involvement in the American Fisheries Society and/or other contributions to the scientific and fisheries communities.
- Priority will be given to applicants who are working on topics of international interest or those associated with the FSBI Symposium theme. However, all interested and eligible members are encouraged to apply.
- While attending the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting is not a requirement, priority will be given to candidates who have existing funding to attend the 2020 AFS Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, August 30 - September 3, 2020. If the selected Fellow can attend the 2020 AFS Annual Meeting, they are expected to participate in the IFS committee meeting and act as a site host for the FSBI Fellow.