

PEACE/WILLISTON AQUATIC RESEARCH AWARD

**Agreement between the PFWWCP and the UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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**Peace/Williston Fish and Wildlife
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Compensation Program
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**Agreement between the University of Northern British Columbia and PFWWCP setting out the
Terms and Conditions of the Peace-Williston Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program Award**

The University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) is honoured to establish the **PEACE/WILLISTON AQUATIC RESEARCH AWARD**, based on the initial one time grant from the Peace/Williston Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program Committee in the amount of \$100,000, provided to UNBC on the terms and conditions set out herein.

CALENDAR INFORMATION:

Award Category: Award

Award Name: **PEACE/WILLISTON AQUATIC RESEARCH AWARD**

Calendar Description/Intent:

As a result of the construction of the WAC Bennett Dam, BC Hydro and the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks established the Peace/Williston Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program. This Program includes restoration and enhancement of fish and fish habitat, fish monitoring and inventories, as well as research. The Peace/Williston Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program Fish Technical Committee's mission is to provide naturally diverse and abundant fish populations in a healthy ecosystem. By establishing this award in partnership with UNBC, the Peace/Williston Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program strives to advance research on aquatic issues within the Program's mandate area.

Donor: Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (PFWWCP)

Value: approximately \$5,000 per year (Graduate Award)

Number: One (1) per year

Calendar Placement : Graduate

It is recommended that the award offering be made available on the following priorities:

To a graduate student who is undertaking an aquatic research program.

In the exceptional situation that a graduate student is not identified, the funds for the award will be held over and allocated in the subsequent year.

OR

In the exceptional situation that graduate student is not identified, the funds for the award will be reinvested in the principal portion of the endowment.

Graduate Award Type: Open

Graduate Eligibility Requirements:

- Full-time attendance
- Graduate student enrolled in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Graduate Program

Criteria:

- Satisfactory Academic Standing
- Application Requirements: candidates must submit a research project proposal with an application to the Professor of the related Program. Selection will be based on the potential of the proposed research to further our understanding of fish and their habitat within the Williston Reservoir Watershed and will be subject to approval by a representative of the PFWWCP. The research proposal will be aligned with the Peace/Williston Fish and Wildlife Programs strategic plans and will generally relate to the protection, restoration or enhancement of fish and fish habitat in support of the Program's mission to provide naturally diverse and abundant fish populations in a healthy ecosystem.

Conditions:

- A student may apply for and hold the award in more than one academic year provided the requirements and criteria set out in this document are met by the student in each year.
- If research project proposals submitted do not meet the approval of the PFWWCP Technical Committee, no funds shall be awarded until such time as an acceptable proposal is received.
- Funds not awarded in one academic year shall be rolled into the existing principal, thereby increasing the amount of the principal fund upon which annual interest will accrue. This will result in an increase in the amount of the annual pay-out in subsequent years.
- At the request of either party, UNBC will meet with PFWWCP representatives, and the parties will, in good faith, discuss and resolve any concerns of the PFWWCP or UNBC, in connection with or relating to these terms and conditions or the application thereof. The parties will use reasonable efforts to reach agreement on any revisions that may be necessary to fulfil any of the requirements, criteria, or conditions related to the award.

Recipient Selection by:

- Recommendation of faculty in pertinent Program/ appropriate Chair and Dean endorsement / PFWWCP approval, and final approval by the UNBC Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries.

Successor Rights:

- In the event that the Peace/Williston Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program Committee is dissolved or disbanded, the University of Northern British Columbia will use best efforts to ensure the letter of intent of this agreement is followed.

Effective Date:

- Endowed 2003
- First Award available in 2004, based on interest accruing for one year

Financial Arrangements For Endowed Awards:

- UNBC will invest and manage all donations to the endowed fund responsibly and in accordance with applicable government regulations, with a view to the best interests of the Peace-Williston Aquatic Research Fund and Award.

- UNBC may accept all donations to the Endowment regardless of origin, subject to the donors' complete acceptance of the arrangements of this document.
- UNBC will endeavour to attract any potential matching funds for the donations from various sources whenever possible.
- UNBC will make available as the award approximately 5% (in the range of 4% to 6%) of the principal from annual interest generated by the endowment fund. A percentage equivalent to the rate of inflation (currently approximately 2%), will be reinvested to maintain the stature of the Fund. A nominal annual administrative fee of ½% will be deducted off the earnings-
- The University assumes liability for the payment of scholarships, bursaries, prizes and other awards only to the extent that expected gifts from donors or returns from particular investments of endowed awards are realized.
- UNBC will provide the Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program Committee with audited financial statements for the endowed fund in approximately June/July of each year.
- UNBC will provide Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Fish Technical Committee with an annual update of the research project in April of each year, and copies of all reports generated by the Award.

PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS:

The PFWWCP will provide \$100,000 on the terms and conditions set out in this document, payable in a timely manner following the execution of this agreement.

PFWWCP shall have no obligation to provide additional funds to or in connection with the Peace/Williston Aquatic Research Award and, except for the obligation to provide the initial \$100,000, shall have no liability in connection with the Peace/Williston Fish Research Award except insofar as it has committed to support the annual lecture (below).

Development and facilitation of a long-term partnership between PFWWCP and UNBC is proposed through a lecture series subject to annual reassessment and right to terminate its sponsorship obligation at any time in its own discretion. The PFWWCP would sponsor (\$1500 to \$3000 annually) an annual or biannual lecture series and follow-up "meet and greet" discussion session at UNBC. PFWWCP staff, Technical Committee members and external experts involved with PFWWCP projects would give program presentations and the session may include the participation of the previous year's recipient of the Peace/Williston Aquatic Research Award reporting on her/his project. UNBC College of Science and Management may co-fund in-kind components such as space and advertising.

UNBC will:

- Provide a charitable tax receipt in the amount of the gifts in the year the University receives the donations.
- Provide the award to the selected student in the amounts outlined above.
- Promote and advertise the **Peace/Williston Aquatic Research Award** in all appropriate University publications.
- Invite Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program Committee representatives to participate in annual awards ceremonies.
- Through the College of Science and Management, coordinate an annual Peace/Williston Fisheries Research lecture event on campus to recognize the Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program's support of UNBC's top funding priority, the Student Awards Program.

- May provide a press release describing Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program's support of the research award to the media. UNBC and Peace/Williston Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program communications representatives would work jointly on this document. No press release, or other public media form, involving PFWWCP shall be made by UNBC without the prior written approval by the PFWWCP Communications manager.
- Recognize Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program as a Benefactor on the University's donor wall, prominently located at the entrance to the University's Conference Centre.
- Recognize Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program as a member of the Chancellor's Circle; senior representatives receive invitations to recognition dinners, guest lecture series and other University activities.
- Provide Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program with an annual update on the status of the funds and the student recipients from the University President or designate.

This agreement will commence upon signing of this document.

Representatives of Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program and the University will meet from time to time to review the terms of this agreement to ensure both parties continue to be satisfied with the partnership.

It is understood that the funds of the donation were obtained in a rightful manner and are otherwise unencumbered.

Signed in agreement on behalf of:

John Metcalfe
PFWWCP Steering Committee

Charles J. Jago, President
University of Northern British Columbia

Date

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Addendum to Terms & Conditions
(as developed by the Peace Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program)

Peace Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program
Proposal #20-17

**PEACE WILLISTON FISH & WILDLIFE COMPENSATION PROGRAM
LEGACY GRANT
TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

GOALS

- Build a partnership with a local advanced education institution that has a northern aquatic issue core focus as part of its mandate.
- Cost effectively increase the PFWWCP Technical Committee's scientific and technical capacity by promoting more detailed research than would normally be possible by the Program.
- Creation of a talent pool that the PFWWCP can draw on for future work.
- Recognition of the science based work of the PFWWCP brings in outside expertise when and where required to achieve its goals and objectives.
- Recognition that the PFWWCP can support cooperative research projects.
- Promotes accountability, inter-dependence and team participation, leading to informed support and decisions by the governments, public and others.
- Emphasizes science, professionalism, and communication.

STRATEGY

- Provide stable funding for research.
- Provide a forum for information exchange in a traditional, professional manner.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND CONDITIONS

Partnerships are built on trust and understanding. It is a long-term process and a continual process. Direct contact with the professors and students is critical. As such, investment of time and effort is essential for success. From there, a strong link between the academic realm and the PFWWCP can evolve.

Research endeavors must be directly linked to the objectives of the PFWWCP. An auditing, reporting and evaluation procedure, satisfactory to the PFWWCP must be developed and agreed upon prior to any funding. This procedure would encompass the financial (University) and research (professor & student) components.

RECOMMENDATION

One Time Grant (\$100,000)

1. Strongly initiates the building of a long-term partnership
2. Provides University with funding stability
3. One-time monetary commitment by the PFWWCP
4. Funds to be managed in perpetuity
5. Provides a base for “seed money” for University to gather outside funds
6. PFWWCP specifies eligibility criteria but University has ultimate control
7. PFWWCP has no control over outside funding sources or stability

Eligibility Criteria

Specifications would include a northern aquatic species or issue directly relevant to the Program. Comprehensive auditing, reporting and evaluation procedures, satisfactory to the PFWWCP are required.

Long-term Facilitation of Partnership (PFWWCP – UNBC Task - \$1.5K-\$3K)

Sponsor annual or biannual lecture series and follow-up “meet and greet” discussion session at UNBC. PFWWCP staff & Technical Committee members give program presentations. This approach raises the profile of the program in the community through academic and media coverage. University to co-fund in-kind.