MEMORANDUM

TO: TAMU Water Resource Faculty, Researchers and Specialists

FROM: Roel Lopez, Interim Director

DATE: March 23, 2015

SUBJECT: TWRI Mills Scholarship Program

The Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI) is happy to announce its call for applications for Mills Scholarships open to students at Texas A&M University, Texas A&M at Galveston and Texas A&M at Qatar. These scholarships are supported with funds endowed by Mills Cox, former chair of the Texas Water Development Board, through the W.G. Mills Memorial Endowment Fund created in 1967 in memory of his great-grandfather. These scholarships help to fund graduate students in diverse disciplines pursuing research in water-related studies at Texas A&M.

Mills Scholarships are an excellent opportunity for conducting research beneficial to the future of the state while attracting high-quality graduate students to your department. TWRI asks your department to encourage graduate students to apply. We are funding four students this fall. Each one-year scholarship will be for $5,000 ($2,500 in the fall 2015 and the other $2,500 in the spring 2016).

Graduate students who previously received a TWRI USGS competitive grant or a Mills Scholarship are not eligible.

Students selected for these scholarships will be eligible to waive out-of-state tuition, which could be helpful in attracting promising graduate students. The intent of this permanently endowed fund is to help support scholarships for graduate students with demonstrated interest in hydrological fields of study that have the potential to help Texas solve future water problems.

Each student or faculty/graduate advisor should submit a two-page application, designating the research subject and its importance to Texas, the financial benefit to the student, the student’s qualifications and name of faculty advisor, along with an endorsement letter from the department head or faculty member. The application form is attached. While matching funds is not a requirement, applications including match will be looked favorably upon.

Students awarded scholarships will be asked to cooperate with TWRI in publicizing their research through providing photos, producing a popular article for TWRI’s magazine and by acknowledging the TWRI Mills Scholarship Program funding when publishing thesis or other publications about your research. In addition, at the completion of the scholarship, the student will be required to submit a progress report about their research to TWRI.

The deadline for the application is April 24, 2015, and awards will be announced by August 2015.

For additional information on the Mills Scholarship Program, visit http://twri.tamu.edu/what-we-do/education/scholarships/mills/ or contact Danielle Kalisek at dmkalisek@tamu.edu or 979.845.2781.
Application Form
2015–2016 TWRI Mills Scholarship Program

Your proposal to the Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI) Mills Scholarship Program will include an application package and a letter of recommendation. This information is due to TWRI by **April 24, 2015**. Only students at Texas A&M University, Texas A&M at Galveston and Texas A&M at Qatar are eligible to receive this scholarship.

Application Package:
The application package must be e-mailed as an electronic document (Microsoft Word) to Danielle Kalisek at dmkalisek@tamu.edu. The application package is **limited to 2 pages** (this does not include the letter of recommendation—item 8). The application package must include items 1 through 7. *Application Package information beyond the 2 page limit will not be considered in the review process.*

1. Title of student’s project.
2. Name of student, contact information (address, email and phone number), degree being pursued and TAMU student UIN number.
3. Name, department and contact information (address, email and phone number) for faculty advisor or committee chair.
4. Description of the student’s proposed research, emphasizing how it will address a water resources-related concern (particularly how, if possible, it will benefit Texas).
5. Academic qualifications of the student, including undergraduate and graduate GPR, GRE scores, courses taken and grades. A transcript is not required; rather, a simple relative course listing is adequate.
6. Proposed use of funds resulting from this scholarship (NOTE: scholarship funds first go toward tuition unless it’s already been paid). Matching funds are not required for TWRI Mills Scholarships, but are encouraged. Please indicate if you would need an out-of-state tuition waiver.
7. Intended career path the student anticipates pursuing.

Letter of Recommendation:
8. The signed letter of recommendation on letterhead from a TAMU faculty advisor or chair may be submitted preferably by email (scanned PDF). If email is not available, then either fax (979.845.0662) or mail to TWRI Attn: Danielle Kalisek, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 110, 2260 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2260.