

## **Rex K. Skanchy Biology Research Award**

In 1993, The Citadel's Biology Department initiated The Rex K. Skanchy Scholarship in honor of Lt. Col. Rex K. Skanchy, USA, Ret., Biology Laboratory Manager and recipient of the 1992 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. As an outgrowth of this scholarship, the Rex K. Skanchy Biology Research Award was established in 2012. This Research Award encourages cadets to engage in independent research projects and present their findings under the mentorship of a Biology faculty member.

### Requirements

1. Student must be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior student majoring in Biology with a minimum GPA of 3.00. Students are only eligible to win the award once.
2. Research must be conducted under the supervision of a member of the Biology faculty.
3. The research budget will be managed through the Biology Department. The award may be used for research supplies, travel, and/or student wages.
4. At the conclusion of the research project, a paper or poster presentation at a local or regional meeting is expected. At a minimum, the student must commit to presenting at the Citadel Undergraduate Research Conference held annually during Corps Day weekend in March. Acknowledgement of the Rex K. Skanchy Biology Research Award must be made on all papers and presentations resulting from this research.

### Selection Process

1. Students are expected to develop a proposal and budget under the supervision of the sponsoring faculty member using the provided template. For the current year, proposals are due to the Biology Department Head on Monday, April 7, 2014.
2. An ad hoc committee consisting of three Biology faculty, appointed annually by the Department Head, will serve as the selection committee. Selection criteria will consist of merit of project, likelihood of success, and student GPA. Sponsoring faculty are not eligible to serve on the selection committee.
3. Students are expected to conduct the research either during the summer and/or during the following academic year.