

Bring Your Own Biologist (BYOB) Initiative

The U.S. Geological Survey Utah Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (Coop Unit) and Quinney College of Natural Resources at Utah State University have initiated a new program, "Bring Your Own Biologist" (BYOB) to a meeting. The goals of this program are to:

- 1) assist in getting a collaborating biologist to a national meeting that is relevant, interesting and stimulating
- 2) aid the UDWR in offering professional development to their employees
- 3) facilitate partnerships and collaborations across state borders

The Coop Unit, working in collaboration with the Quinney College of Natural Resources will offer financial (complete or partial) assistance (plane, hotel, per diem) for a UDWR biologist/manager or other Coop Partner to attend a national meeting relevant to their field. We anticipate providing on average, two BYOB travel awards per year, but we can be flexible and some years there may be none, and other years there could be more. Occasionally a national meeting is hosted internationally (e.g., the National Meeting of the American Fisheries Society Meeting is in Quebec this year); in those situations we will consider international travel.

The prospective candidate must/should:

- 1) be collaborating with USU on a Coop research project or have completed one in the past year
- 2) have the support of their USU partner
- 3) have one member of their collaborating project team giving a presentation (preferably oral) at the meeting
- 4) have permission and intellectual support from their immediate supervisor

We will consider applications at any time. Awards will be given on a first come first serve basis with a "spread the love" approach over time.

Collaborating partners can apply to either Phaedra or Tom by sending an email with:

- 1) names and titles of both USU and Agency Partners
- 2) name and dates of duration of the research project as it is identified at USU
- 3) title and complete venue of prospective professional meeting
- 4) title and complete citation (author list) for the presentation, identifying the presenter

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