

## **Send a Starving Student (SASS) to a state professional conference Initiative**

The U.S. Geological Survey Utah Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (Coop Unit) and Quinney College of Natural Resources have initiated a new program, "Send a Starving Student" (SASS) to a meeting. The goals of this program are to:

- 1) assist in getting a graduate student with limited funding or whose funding has recently terminated to a state or regional meeting that is relevant to the managers and management implications of their research
- 2) aid in closing the loop on the research project such that the final findings and implications make it back to the managers

The Coop Unit will offer financial (complete or partial) assistance (plane, hotel, per diem) for a state funded graduate student to a local or perhaps regional professional meeting relevant to their field. We anticipate providing on average of two SASS travel awards per year, but we can be flexible and some years there may be none, and other years there could be more.

The prospective candidate must/should:

- 1) be enrolled and in good academic standing at USU
- 2) have support from their faculty advisor
- 3) have demonstrated financial need
- 4) be giving a poster or, preferably, an oral presentation

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.

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

- 1) names and titles of both student and advisor
- 2) name of collaborating or supportive state biologist or manager
- 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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