AWG Brunton Award and Brunton Field Project Award

The AWG Brunton Award and Brunton Field Project Award promote the future of field mapping and data acquisition for the upcoming generation of people whose gender identity has been historically underrepresented in the geosciences. Applicants should have a passion for and exceptional experience with field work, including internships, field camp, coursework with a field-based research component, or research.

The AWG Brunton Award has been active for >20 years and provides Brunton compasses to 1–2 awardees each year. The AWG Brunton Field Project Award started in 2022 and awards a Brunton compass and up to $1000 to support field activities to each of 1–2 awardees each year.

Both awards are generously funded by Brunton.

Awardees receive...

- An engraved Brunton compass (both awards)
- $1000 for field-related expenses, broadly defined (Brunton Field Project Award only)
- A 1-year AWG membership (both awards)

Who May Apply

- Advanced undergraduate (≥3rd year) undergraduate or graduate students (any year) in the geosciences whose gender identity has been historically underrepresented in the geosciences.
• Applicants should have performed field work* as an essential component of undergraduate or graduate research, internship, field camp, or other type of field project;
  * Virtual field studies (e.g. satellite data, drone mapping) completed during the pandemic will be considered
• have future plans to continue in the geosciences, with fieldwork as an integral part of their graduate degree or career; and
• promote the fundamental value and need for field-based studies within the geoscience profession through project results, quality of work, and capabilities of the applicant.

How to Apply

Email a single, compiled PDF file containing the following sections to office@awg.org. Please note ‘Brunton Awards’ in the subject line.

• Personal statement, including explanation of past and current field work experience (≤500 words)
• Statement of future career goals as related to field work; please be specific if possible (≤150 words)
• Sample of past or ongoing field work research, which may include a report, map, photos, and/or model based on collected data (≤500 words and not to exceed 4 pages including figures)
• Resume or *curriculum vitae*, including your physical mailing address (1–2 pages)
• For applicants who submit virtual field experience, an explanation of how they intend to incorporate their virtual experience into future field studies (≤150 words)
• Budget (required only for the Brunton Field Project Award) of how you propose to spend up to $1000 to support your upcoming field activities and listing any existing funding for the project; “supporting field activities” is broadly defined, and can include things like child care in addition to traditional expenses such as travel (≤ 1 page)

A letter of recommendation from the primary field mentor is also required and should be sent directly by the recommender.

**Deadline:** Applications are due December 15 of each year. All applicants are typically notified of decisions in March of the following year.

**Evaluation Criteria and Selection Committee**

Applications are evaluated based on the following criteria:

• Extent of field work experience
• Quality of research sample
• Applicability of future goals
• Enthusiasm
• Clarity of writing
• Letter of recommendation

The selection committee consists of AWG members with varied and significant field experience who are committed to promoting field data acquisition methodologies among geoscience students – our future professional geoscientists. Many are former AWG Brunton Award winners.