



Promoting Human Diversity in Field Science
The Organization of Biological Field Stations
2013 Annual Human Diversity Award

Nomination Deadline: 14 June

The OBFS Human Diversity Award provides recognition for unique activities, programs, or approaches (funded or unfunded) that increases the involvement, engagement, and sustainability of underrepresented groups in field science. Broadly speaking, underrepresented groups in field science may include, but are not limited to, ethnic minorities (African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, and others), women, first-generation college students, inner-city youth, disadvantaged rural communities, K-12 groups, tribal colleges, community colleges, undergraduate institutions with small programs, and citizen monitoring programs.

Promoting Human Diversity may be accomplished by disseminating materials and using, rearranging, or creating infrastructure to facilitate transitions between the field and classroom. Activities should stimulate both applied and individualized approaches to experiential scientific learning. We will also recognize stations that demonstrate how retention and application of new scientific concepts are promoted to facilitate further discovery and increase scientific dialogue among diverse user groups. This may include a pedagogy for the basic knowledge needed by underrepresented groups to address the current challenges in environmental and natural resources management and research at all educational levels (K-12, undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education).

In addition to the honor and recognition of peers, the OBFS Human Diversity Award includes a permanent plaque for the winning station; an official award letter that can be included in the official materials, grant applications of the winning station; a second traveling OBFS plaque that will record previous winners and be housed at the most recent recipients facility; and recognition on the OBFS website. The award may include a travel reimbursement of up to \$1000 for the awardee to attend the annual OBFS meeting if travel funds are limiting for the winning institution.

Timing of Submission, Review and Award

Late May	A request for nominations for the award will be announced on the OBFS web site and through the OBFS list server. Nomination of institutions by others as well as institutional self-nominations will be accepted.
14 June	Nominations due.
17 June	All nominees will be notified and requested to submit the information listed below.
5 July	Nominee supporting material due.
19 July	OBFS Diversity Committee announces recipient as determined by members of the OBFS Diversity Committee who are not from organizations with current applications.
September	Award will be presented at the OBFS Annual Meeting. The OBFS Historian will photograph the representative(s) from the field station receiving the award.

Send nominations to Stacy McNulty (smcnulty@esf.edu) by 14 June.



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Nominee Supporting Material
Deadline: 5 July 2013

Submission Instructions: Please email this form and (a) two high resolution digital photographs of program activity, (b) your station logo (if any), (c) your station strategic plan (if any) and (d) letters of support from project partners (if appropriate) to **Stacy McNulty** (diversity@obfs.org) by midnight.

Program Title:

Field Station Name:

Station Website:

Contact Person:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Program partners:

Funding sources (if any) for the program:

Describe your program objectives: (1/2 page maximum)

What is your station's strategy for human diversity? (1/2 page maximum)

How has the station and program successfully achieved the objectives listed above? Include example data (participant numbers, graduation rates, or other appropriate measures). (1/2 page maximum)

How does your the station distribute educational and research results and materials to a broad public, and, in particular, to underrepresented groups? (1/2 page maximum)

Materials submitted by the winning station will be posted on the "Promoting Human Diversity in Field Science" section on the OBFS web site to build a legacy of Human Diversity Success.