



Geoff Peach Scholarship Fund

Lake Huron Research

Geoff Peach was an environmental advocate whose actions and influence spanned 3 decades along the Lake Huron coast. His expertise in coastal management, especially in the field of beach and dune ecosystems, meant his work was known and respected from all over the Great Lakes to Australia and California.

The Geoff Peach Scholarship Fund was created to continue his work and that of the Lake Huron Coastal Centre. It is available to university graduate students (Masters and PhD) with conservation and environmental research interests along Lake Huron such as:

- Biodiversity
- Coastal processes
- Dune conservation
- Water quality
- Plastics pollution

Students from all disciplines are welcome to apply. For more information about our work, visit:

<https://www.lakehuron.ca>

The Scholarship:

Two grants per year of up to \$1500 are available to students interested in conducting research along the Lake Huron coast. This is a **one time**, non-renewable award.

To do this, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact staff from the Lake Huron Coastal Centre (LHCC) prior to defining a research topic. Staff can assist you in determining areas of interest and potential locations to carry out the research. It will be the responsibility of the student to ensure that all approvals and



Species at Risk

Photo of Eastern Hog Nosed Snake—
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Dune Conservation

Large frontal dune, supplies replacement sand to the beach during periods of heavy wave attack.

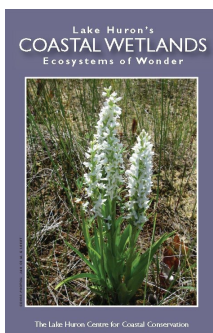


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Water Quality

Reducing phosphorus pollution is critical to controlling nuisance algae growth and the overall health of Lake Huron.



permits have been obtained, whether the research location is on private or public lands. **Award recipients will present their thesis summary to the LHCC Board of Directors upon completion of their project.**

The Proposal Application for 2026

Your application will be reviewed by the Research Applications Committee of the Lake Huron Coastal Centre. It is in your best interest to ensure that the application is as concise and complete as possible.

A general guide to the application is as follows. Your LHCC staff contact can provide more detailed information if required.

1.0 Student Information— This information is to ensure that you can be contacted and information can be forwarded to you if required. Information is strictly confidential.

2.0 Advisor Information—This information is to ensure that your advisor can be contacted and information forwarded, if required.

3.0 LHCCC Contact—You are required to have an LHCC contact. This will likely be the staff person with whom you have consulted with respect to your research.

4.0 Proposed Research Project Title—Please try to keep your title concise.

- **4.1 Location of Research:** Note the County, Township(s), Beach Community, Lot(s)
- **4.2 Project Description:** (750-1000 words) Be thorough, yet concise. Detail the background to the study, your objectives, approach, methodology and anticipated benefit to the Lake Huron shoreline.
- **4.3 Timeframe:** when do you expect to start and complete this project?

5.0 Project Budget—Detail all of your sources of funding for this project, how the funds from this particular grant would be used, and why this grant is necessary to your project

- **5.1 Amount of Grant Requested**

6.0 Signatures—Ensure that you have read the conditions and that both you and your advisor have signed the application.

How long will the process take?

Applications for 2026 will be accepted until **February 14th, 2026.**

Please submit the application by email to:

Geoff Peach Scholarship Fund—Research Application Committee
coastalcentre@lakehuron.ca

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Lake Huron Research Application Cover Page

By submitting this form, I agree to accept responsibility for the scientific conduct of this project. I certify that the information that is included in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that willful provision of false information is grounds for rejection of the application. I also understand that I must receive my advisors approval for this application. Please attach this **Application Cover Page** to the detailed proposal.

1.0 Student Information:

Name:

Residence Address:

Phone:

Email:

2.0 Advisor Information:

Name of Advisor:

Dept. and Faculty:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

3.0 LHCC Contact:

4.0 Proposed Research Project Title:

4.1 Location of Research:

4.2 Proposed Research Focus: Biodiversity, Coastal Processes, Water Quality, Dune Conservation, Plastic Pollution.

4.3 Project Description: (250 word maximum abstract outline)

4.4 Timeframe: **Start date** _____ **End date:** _____

5.0 Project Budget: (In the attached proposal, detail all sources of funding for this project, how the funds from this particular grant would be used, and why this grant is necessary to your project.. Eligible expenses include material necessary for completion of research, equipment rentals, travel costs, accommodation, where costs can be justified. List each budget item and indicate it's associated cost and provide a brief justification of the expenses.)

- **5.1 Amount of Grant Requested** _____

6.0 Researchers' Signature: _____