

**R.N. “Dick” Conolly Endowed Graduate Scholarship in
Fisheries Conservation and Sportfish Research
(\$2000/semester for 1 year)**

The Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation at the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies offers the R.N. “Dick” Conolly Endowed Scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist deserving full-time graduate students pursuing as Master of Science or Doctor of Philosophy at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The scholarship funding will be available for graduate students affiliated with the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies that are pursuing a program of study within the following research focus area within the: Fisheries Conservation, particularly those in the Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation.

A large number of individuals, families, and organizations endowed this award in the name of Dick Conolly. He was an avid sportfisherman and leader in establishing the Harvey Weil Sportsmanship Conservationist Award Program in the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi in honor of his dear friend and sport fishing buddy Harvey Weil. The goal with the award is to support the research of graduate students in the fields of fisheries science and particularly sportfish research. The Harte Research Institute is proud to offer this opportunity to deserving students, and it is an honor to be selected as a recipient for this scholarship. Awards are competitive and based on high academic achievements, interests, ability, and financial need. Awards are limited to students pursuing MS and PhD degrees in Biology, Fisheries and Mariculture, Marine Biology, Environmental Science, or Coastal and Marine System Science. The scholarship may be renewed if student meets the program’s eligibility criteria. Award monies are administered through the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies.

Part A: Selection Criteria:

1. Student must be currently enrolled as full-time degree-seeking graduate student taking at least 9 credit hours per semester at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi within the Department of Life Sciences or Department of Physical & Environmental Sciences.
2. Student must be pursuing a MS or Ph.D. degree with demonstrated merit on a research project focusing on sportfish and fisheries conservation issues, particularly those aligned with the Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation at the Harte Research Institute.
3. Student's research should contribute to the understanding of marine fisheries conservation with emphasis on recreational fishing.
4. Selection of the recipient shall consider not only financial need, academic record, but also personal background, description of research focus, career goals, and references.
5. Student must be full-time and good standing with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Student must not be on scholastic probation or with other official holds on academic records.

