

# Matt Myers Memorial Graduate Student Travel Award



**Shannon Atkinson, Ph.D.**  
**Professor, SFOS**



# Matthew John Myers

September 27, 1963~September 25, 2007



Ph. D. Candidate, SFOS

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- Funded in March 2008 by PCCRC





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On September 25, 2007, the world of marine research lost a talented up and coming scientist and colleague, Matthew John Myers, a Ph.D candidate at UAF, SFOS. Matt was being trained for scientific diving certification near Seward, Alaska, Resurrection Bay when the accident occurred.



Matt was a vocal advocate for supporting students in their efforts to develop a career in marine research. He encouraged many young students to attend conferences and to display or present their research so that they could learn, network, and develop enthusiasm from the leaders in the field. As a tribute to Matt, PCCRC has awarded a grant in Matt's name, for graduate student travel. The Matt Myers Memorial Graduate Student Travel Fund will award two \$1,000 travel awards annually to students, with a preference towards students in marine biology or fisheries.



Please Submit:

1. Application Form
2. The abstract must be submitted
3. Request for abstracts or conference flyer



Each awardee must agree to either present their work as a seminar within their respective department, or agree to attend the annual Marine Science Symposium in Anchorage to present their work in Alaska.



Students are welcome to apply for this award by contacting for an application to:

Christina Neumann,  
Academic Program Manager  
907-474-5840 or  
[neumann@sfos.uaf.edu](mailto:neumann@sfos.uaf.edu)



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## Award Requirements

- **Must be UAF/SFOS graduate student**
- **Must be presenting oral or poster**
- **Must have supervisor's support**
- **Preference given to Fisheries and Marine Biology students**
- **Must attend Alaska Marine Science Symposium or make another presentation in Alaska**



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## Selection Committee

1. **Franz Mueter, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor - Fisheries
2. **Shannon Atkinson, Ph.D.**  
Professor of Marine Biology
3. **Christina Neumann**  
Academic Program Manager



## **Applicant Pool**



**Applications by the due date –  
November 1<sup>st</sup>  
6 inquires received after due date**

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Keogh, M.J., Maniscalco, J.M., and Atkinson, S. (2009) Body condition and cell-mediated immune function in endangered Steller sea lion pups (*Eumetopias jubatus*). In proceedings of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology annual meeting. Boston, MA January 3-7



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Effects of diet, stocking density, and substrate on survival and growth of hatchery-cultured red king crab (*Paralithodes camtschaticus*) juveniles in Alaska, USA. Presented at the National Shellfisheries Association annual meeting. Savannah, GA March 22-26

Benjamin Daly, James Swingle, Ginny Eckert

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## **Success and Improvements for next year**

- **Two good Ph.D. students funded**
- **Awarded two times per year**
- **Need to review the timing of announcement**





He had reached a point in his life that he called “complete perfection” – he was doing what he loved, in a place he loved, with people he loved surrounding him.

Thanks to PCCRC for allowing us to create this legacy.