THE 2022 GEIST FUND
~Supporting paleontological and archaeological research~

PURPOSE: To support student research in archaeology or paleontology.
➢ Proposals from other fields are considered if strongly tied into these disciplines.
➢ Preference given to projects that enhance UA Museum collections (new acquisitions, research, conservation).

ELIGIBILITY: U. of Alaska Fairbanks undergraduate and graduate students.
➢ Preference will be given to students without other available research support.
➢ Students are limited to two awards at an academic level (undergrad, MA, PhD).

ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES:
• Field travel-related expenses and supplies (food, notebooks, etc.).
• Other research-related travel (e.g. to field site, other museums, etc.).
• Analytical work (lab processing).
• Funds may NOT be used for stipends, field assistant salaries, or tuition.

➢ For 2022, individual awards will be considered up to $2,500. 
All awards are taxable.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:
• Include a project description, purpose, and methods.
• Do not exceed 5 pages, excluding budget or references.
• Include a budget page; note other funding sources or support, if applicable.

TO APPLY: Submit one complete PDF (via email) with the following:
• Application form and proposal, including budget;
• Copy of appropriate permits (or application for permit);
• Permission letter from curator of UAM collection;
• Letter of sponsorship/recommendation by faculty advisor.

SUBMIT BY EMAIL TO: jreuther@alaska.edu
• Add “Geist Fund Application 2022” in the subject line.

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, March 18th, 2022.
➢ Decisions on awards will be announced by Friday, April 8, 2022.

NOTE: A final report is required. It should include an abstract, summary and discussion of results along with a financial report showing how funds were spent.
➢ Final reports are due Monday April 3rd, 2023.

QUESTIONS?: Dr. Joshua Reuther, Geist Fund Chair, University of Alaska Museum, jreuther@alaska.edu
OTTO WILLIAM GEIST FUND
2022 GUIDELINES

BACKGROUND:
The O. W. Geist Fund was established by Otto Geist in 1963 for the purposes of:
• Acquisitions of archaeological or paleontological material for the University.
• Financing in whole or in part expeditions for archaeological or paleontological field research.
• Fellowship grants for students majoring in anthropology (archaeology) or paleontology.

The Geist Fund Committee, created by the Geist Endowment, has sole power, authority, and responsibility for the execution of the terms of the bequest and may act on its own authority as to the emphasis of awards during any given time period, normally once per calendar year.

GUIDELINES: When evaluating student proposals, the following criteria shall apply:
1. Preference will be given to projects that enhance UA Museum collections through new acquisitions, conservation and research.
2. Preference will be given to proposals that match Geist funds with other sources of funding.
3. For graduating seniors or graduating Master’s students, priority will be given to those continuing in UAF graduate programs.
4. Preference will be given to Ph.D. students who have advanced to candidacy and M.A. students who have passed their comprehensive exams.
5. Students who were not previously funded at their current academic level will be given preference.
6. All decisions rendered by the Geist Fund Committee regarding awards are final and appeals will not be considered.
7. Submissions for projects already completed by the applicant will not be considered.
8. Proposals which require or anticipate the collection of specimens or samples must specify that all such specimens and samples will be accessioned into the University of Alaska Museum Collections or have a written waiver from curator.
9. Each applicant is required to have a sponsoring UA Fairbanks faculty member who will be responsible for academic oversight of the project and ensure the appropriate expenditure of funds.
10. The disposition of equipment (such as a computer) purchased with Geist funds after completion of the project will be decided upon by the Geist Fund Committee and the faculty sponsor.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:
1. The application deadline is March 18th, 2022. Please submit the following documents as part of a single PDF via email:
   a. Application form (including signature of sponsoring faculty member) and proposal
   b. Copy of appropriate permits (or application for permit), if applicable
   c. Permission letter from curator of designated repository
   d. Letter of sponsorship and recommendation by UAF faculty member
2. Please submit your application electronically to the Geist Fund Chair (see below).
3. All materials or information must be submitted at one time. Incomplete packets will not be accepted.
4. Applicants are reminded that a good proposal is a self-contained unit which provides all of the information necessary for reviewers to adequately evaluate a proposal. Proposals should include project description, purpose, procedure, and budget (including amount, source, and use of other funds).

REPORTING:
1. A final report, including a financial report on supported projects, must be submitted by April 3rd, 2023. The final report should include an abstract, results/outcomes of Geist Fund-supported work, and how these results contribute to the study/project as a whole.

QUESTIONS? Geist Fund Chair: Dr. Joshua Reuther, University of Alaska Museum Archaeology Curator, jreuther@alaska.edu
APPLICATION FORM
2022 GEIST FUND
Deadline: March 18th, 2022

Name:
Mailing Address:
Email address:
Home or cell phone: Office phone:
UAF Department: Student ID No:
Student status (check one):
  □ Undergraduate Major:
  □ Graduate MA/MS  □ Graduate PhD
Previous Geist Awards at current academic level?: Year:_________ Amount: $_________

2022 Proposal Title:

2022 Amount Requested (max. $2,500): $_________

Proposal Abstract:

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Submission checklist
1) Proposal, including budget: Yes ☐  No ☐
2) Copy of appropriate permits (or application for) attached: Yes ☐  No ☐
3) Permission letter from curator of UAM collection: Yes ☐  No ☐
4) Letter of sponsorship/recommendation attached: Yes ☐  No ☐
Name and signature of sponsoring faculty member*:

Name__________________________________________ Signature______________________________________
Submit by email to: Dr. Joshua Reuther, jreuther@alaska.edu
*A sponsor should be a person overseeing the student project who is also a UAF faculty member (including research faculty).