

Association of Applied Geochemists		
<i>Student Support Initiative</i>		
In-Kind Analytical Research Funding for BSc(Hons), MSc, and PhD Students		

As an investment in the future, the **Association of Applied Geochemists** (AAG) wishes to encourage and support students whose area of study is Applied Geochemistry.

The AAG has recently celebrated its 40th anniversary and is the oldest organization that focuses solely on the application of geochemistry in mineral exploration and environmental science. The association counts amongst its membership applied geochemists from industry, government and academia, and continues to promote its science through its journal (***Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis***), the ***EXPLORE*** newsletter, the ***ELEMENTS*** magazine, and the biennial ***International Applied Geochemistry Symposium*** (IAGS) series. AAG also provides subsidised membership to bona fide students, and offers support to selected students to attend IAGS meetings.

A major hurdle for students contemplating dissertation work at tertiary level is securing funding. For students of applied geochemistry, a significant cost component may be related to laboratory analysis. AAG believes that by identifying appropriate students, using a set of simple criteria, and coordinating with analytical laboratories that are willing to offer in-kind support in terms of geochemical analyses, that AAG can promote high quality research and training in fundamental geochemical principles. It is envisioned that the in-kind support from laboratories made available to the students will, at this initial stage, be in the form of free laboratory analyses, but may be expanded to include other laboratory services in the future.

Due to the nature of the various arrangements made between AAG, laboratories, and students, this initiative will be an evolving process, with AAG providing the structure, facilitation, and overview to ensure that the program is appropriate and effective. AAG provides recognition for participating laboratories in ***EXPLORE***¹. Additionally, each student will be required to publish results of their research in ***Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis***², or ***EXPLORE***.

Application Forms may be obtained from:

www.appliedgeochemists.org or Erick.Weiland@fmi.com.

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¹ ***EXPLORE*** –Newsletter for the Association of Applied Geochemists

² ***Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis*** (GEEA) – The AAG Journal published jointly by AAG and The Geological Society

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Applications shall be submitted to the **Association of Applied Geochemists** (AAG) and reviewed by an expert group of geochemists.

Email Submission: Erick.Weiland@fmi.com –or– ErickWeiland@Terra-Technology.com

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The objectives and official criteria for this award are specified in the Student Support Objectives and Criteria document posted on the AAG web site: www.appliedgeochemist.com or from the Chairman of the Education Committee: Erick.Weiland@fmi.com.

Eligibility Criteria

The Student must be:

- Enrolled in a full-time geosciences curriculum: BSc(Hons), MSc, or PhD;
- Working on an Applied Geochemical research project (Paper, Thesis, Dissertation, etc.).

The Student must submit an application that includes the following (at a minimum):

- Title, Objective, and Scope of the research project for which support is being requested;
- Request for funding, including the specific types and scope (including duration, estimated costs, etc.) of support being requested.

Requirements Criteria

The Student must agree to the following terms:

- The support provided will be limited to the amount/terms awarded, unless another application is made and granted by the review committee;
- Acknowledge AAG and the laboratory for support in technical and public presentations of the results;
- A professional level technical paper presenting the project, data, and conclusions will be provided to AAG for publication in either **EXPLORE** and/or its Journal (**Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, and Analysis**).