

ioStipend

In-kind Analytical Research Fund for BSc(Hons), MSc and PhD students

Much has been said and written about the broadening gulf between the demand for qualified explorationists and the supply coming out of our colleges, technical institutes and universities. This is all the more evident in the field of exploration geochemistry whose members have always been in short supply.

As consultants and service industries, we owe our livelihood to mining and exploration and thus have a vested interest in its development. We believe that any aid to promote fresh faces into our sector is helping to secure our future.

Acme Analytical Laboratories Ltd. and **ioGlobal** are taking the bold initiative of directly aiding students in the geosciences via the **ioStipend**. The **ioStipend** is a grant available to students conducting exploration-related geochemical studies at a recognized educational institution. The grant is in the form of analytical services using any package provided by AcmeLabs™. Students and/or their teachers/advisors can apply for the grant by submitting an application to ioGlobal who will vet the proposals.

The grant is intended to promote the collection of high quality, base-line data for comparison with more “esoteric data” (eg. isotopic data, partial digests, non-standard sample media) generated during the course of research, and to promote broad training in fundamental geochemical principles across the geosciences.

The **ioStipend** allows for amounts of approximately \$5,000 (AUD, CAD or equivalent) for in-kind analytical work. Successful applicants and their supervisors will also be provided with 12 months access to **ioGAS**, the leading exploratory data analysis software package available from ioAnalytics.

Two awards will be available each year, with application deadlines of December 31, and June 30. The successful candidates will be announced following the PDAC Convention (for December applicants) and the Diggers and Dealers Conference (for June applicants). Applications will be reviewed by an expert group of ioGlobal’s geochemists .

The application form is available at www.ioglobal.net.

Eligibility Criteria

Preference will be given to:

- Students working on exploration geochemistry projects
- Students from developing nations
- Students with no other source of funding
- Projects with no, or very minimal confidentiality requirements

The ioStipend is international. Applications are welcome from qualified institutions globally.

Some technical input may be provided by ioGlobal on request.

Requirements for receiving the ioStipend

Firstly, there are minimal strings attached. Recipients would have to agree to:

1. Have their project promoted on the ioGlobal web site in an area devoted to R&D carried out under the program,
2. Acknowledge AcmeLabs™ and ioGlobal for support in technical and public presentations of results, and
3. Write a short article for Explore describing the project outcomes, and allow this to be published on the ioGlobal and AcmeLabs™ web sites.

Regards, and good luck!

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