

**International Society of Limnology**  
**Societas Internationalis Limnologiae (SIL)**  
**Tonolli Fund**  
**Post-Graduate Fellowships in Limnology**

**Information on the Tonolli Fund**

The Tonolli Fund of SIL was created in 1985 through a request from Vittorio and Livia Tonolli, well known limnologists at the Istituto Italiano di Idrobiologia in Pallanza, Italy. The purpose of the fund is to provide assistance to young limnologists of developing countries. In recent years, the awards committee for the Tonolli Fund has used the fund primarily for support of students who are taking post-graduate degrees (MS, MSc, PhD) in the field of limnology. The committee would also consider, however, the possibility of research support for young limnologists who have just received an advanced degree and are in need of funds to support research, or of local limnological projects or mechanics involving more than one limnologist.

Awards from the Tonolli Fund generally are in the amount of \$500 to \$2,000 for a period of one year (recipients can also apply again for support in the following year). Applications are evaluated during January and June of each year. Applications can be sent at any time.

The awards committee for the Tonolli Fund will emphasize research and graduate education in the field of limnology. While there is some overlap between disciplines, the Tonolli Fund committee does not place the highest priority on research that is primarily oriented toward aquaculture or fisheries. Subjects of highest priority for the Tonolli Fund include the following: cycling (biogeochemistry) of carbon, key nutrients, or other elements known to be important to inland waters; studies of the production of either plant, animal, or microbial biomass and the factors that regulate production; studies of community composition, biodiversity, or factors that regulate these attributes of inland waters; analytical or comparative studies of physical, chemical, or biotic processes in streams, rivers, or wetlands.

Factors to be considered in the competition for fellowship support include the statement of the applicant on research interests and need for financial support, and the written evaluation of two university faculty members who know the applicant well. Applicants should explain clearly how the proposed work will be done, what equipment is available, what methods will be used, what problems might arise and how they will be solved, where the project will be conducted, and who will be available for advising purposes. Finally, applicants should explain why a particular problem was chosen for study, and comment on the importance of the problem for theoretical or applied limnology. Applicants should cite at least one internationally published journal article that they have read as inspiration for the work that they are undertaking.

The Tonolli Fund cannot be used for international travel or non-research expenses. Awards are made through institutions only. The award recipient must file a brief report within 14 months after receiving the award, explaining use of the award and research progress.

Send applications by email attachment to [denisej@email.unc.edu](mailto:denisej@email.unc.edu) or mail paper copy to:

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**International Society of Limnology**  
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## Tonolli Fund Application Form

**Please type or print in block letters**

Surname (Family name, according to passport) .....First name: .....Gender:.....

Address (to which response will be mailed): .....

.....email:.....

Nationality: .....

University Education (omit primary schooling):

From	To	Name and Place of Institution	Degree or Qualification Earned

Title of present position (employment):..... Since: .....

Institution at which this position is held: .....  
(name and address)

Describe your responsibilities in your present job, if you are employed (40 words or less):

Indicate your knowledge of international languages :

Language	Read			Understand			Speak			Write		
	moderate	good	excellent	moderate	good	excellent	moderate	good	excellent	moderate	good	excellent

Describe your previous education, training, and research in limnology or related fields. Explain your skills and experience (100 words):

Describe topics of interest to you in limnology (100 words).

Describe the research or training that you will conduct under Tonolli support (150 words).

How will you use the money provided by the Tonolli Fund (100 words)?

Give the names, titles, and addresses of two individuals who will be sending letters of reference to SIL on your behalf:

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions for letters of reference (2)**

Please provide a confidential letter of reference for \_\_\_\_\_ (name), who is applying for support of post-graduate education to the Tonolli Fund of the International Society for Theoretical and Applied Limnology. Please put the recommendation onto the letterhead of your institution, and include the following information in your letter:

- A. How well you know the applicant, and in what capacity (student, employee, etc.)
- B. What is the current status of the applicant (student, employed, etc.)
- C. The personal qualities of the applicant (intelligence, perseverance, motivation, etc.)
- D. Special skills of this applicant, as compared with others (for example, quantitative ability, experience in chemical methods, experience with analytical equipment, knowledge of taxonomy of a particular group, etc.)
- E. The probability that these funds will improve the educational prospects or research output of this student, and for what reason.
- F. Your overall rating of this student, as compared to others of similar rank whom you have known.

The Tonolli Fund committee very much appreciates your contribution to the review process.

Please place your confidential letter in an envelope, seal it, and sign the reverse side. Give the envelope to the applicant for inclusion with the application packet. Or, email or mail the letter directly to SIL:

Email to [denisej@email.unc.edu](mailto:denisej@email.unc.edu) or email to:

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