AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE
HARGETT-DUNSTON UNDERGRADUATE
FIELD RESEARCH AWARD
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

I. This fund shall be named the Hargett-Dunston Undergraduate Field Research Award. The purpose of this award program is to foster research in the Earth sciences by providing support to undergraduate students in geology who are engaged in independent projects that involve a substantial component of field geology and mapping.

II. One or more awards shall be given each year to an Auburn University student who is a Geology major at Auburn University and is in good academic standing.

III. Students must prepare and submit their own applications (team projects are permissible, but all team members must submit separate applications). Complete applications must include:

1) Completed cover form that includes the applicant’s name and contact information, name of faculty research supervisor, project title, and other information (attached).
2) Project proposal that includes (a) a short project description (no more than two typed single-spaced pages) that outlines the objectives, location, methods, and significance of the field-oriented project, (b) no more than two captioned figures (e.g., location map, regional geologic map, etc.), and (c) a brief project that estimates expenses for which the award is requested.
3) Letter of endorsement from the applicant’s faculty supervisor that addresses project significance and viability, qualifications of the applicants, and commitment to guide the student advisee towards timely project completion.

IV. Awardees will be selected by a faculty committee based on 1) significance, feasibility, and field emphasis of the proposed project, 2) qualifications of the applicant as indicated by past academic performance and demonstrated potential for timely project completion, and 3) endorsements made by faculty research supervisors.

V. The amount of the award shall be based on a minimum annual contribution of $1000. The amount of the award shall be disbursed at regular intervals during the school year in accordance with normal university policies. Awards are to be applied to expenses directly related to research tasks, including fieldwork, laboratory analyses, etc. Funds also may be used to purchase capital equipment and to attend conferences to present research findings.

VI. The Donors will submit an annual contribution, designated for this fund, to the Auburn University Foundation by February 1 of each year. Applications for the
award should be submitted to the chair of the grant selection committee on or before March 1. Award(s) will be announced in April.

VII. Each award is for one academic year. By accepting an award, the recipient agrees to formally present their project results in a departmental seminar. Presentations, to be attended by faculty, students, and guests, normally will be scheduled for the Fall semester of the following academic year. Prior recipients are not disqualified from consideration for this award during subsequent years. Should a recipient become ineligible, a new recipient may be named using the criteria stated above.

VIII. An annual report shall be provided to the donors by the College of Sciences and Mathematics. This report shall include the names of the recipients, amounts awarded, and other pertinent information.

IX. The Donor(s) will notify the Vice President for Development in writing by February 1 of each year if a decision is made to discontinue this award for the upcoming academic year.

**Conflict with Law**
If any provision of this agreement is found to conflict with or violate any federal or state law or regulation, then that provision will be modified to bring the agreement into compliance with the conflicting law or regulation. However, all other provisions will continue to be administered in accordance with the donor’s intent.