

National Water Research Institute

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NWRI Launches the Ronald B. Linsky Fellowship Endowment Fund

NWRI has launched a campaign to raise an endowment for the Ronald B. Linsky Fellowship for Outstanding Water Research, which supports graduate students who share Ron Linsky's vision of innovative, multi-disciplinary research within the water sciences.

NWRI established this fellowship to honor Ron's long-time service as Executive Director of NWRI and his many contributions to the water community. Under Ron's 15 years of leadership, NWRI grew from an idea among local Southern California utilities supporting and promoting water research to become a nationally recognized water research organization.

Before joining NWRI, Ron had worked as a biology teacher, oceanographer, Sea Grant director, and private consultant for the United Nations. His creativity and enthusiasm for water science were limitless, and he used his many skills and interests to make NWRI an innovative and timely organization that crossed many disciplines.

A mentor and friend to many in the water community, Ron was well-known for his love of teaching, as well as for his dedication and support of young scientists. He established many water science education programs throughout his lifetime, including NWRI's Fellowship program, which has supported the water research efforts of more than 35 students since 1994.

In tribute to Ron, the 2-year, \$20,000-a-year Ronald B. Linsky Fellowship is awarded to an outstanding master's or doctoral graduate student at a U.S. university whose innovative research will advance the state-of-the-art in water science, engineering, or policy, as well as portray the vision that exemplified Ron's distinguished career.

Specific research interests include:

- Water treatment technologies
- Water quality and chemistry
- Water policy and economics
- Public health and risk assessment
- Water resources management

Support for the Ronald B. Linsky Fellowship is provided by Mrs. Patricia Linsky and the Joan Irvine Smith & Athalie R. Clarke Foundation.

Please consider contributing to the Endowment Fund of the Ronald B. Linsky Fellowship for Outstanding Water Research. Our goal is to raise a \$200,000 endowment in the first year from individuals, firms, and other organizations to maintain this special fellowship.

Your 100-percent tax deductible donation will be specifically dedicated to the Ronald B. Linsky Fellowship Endowment to support graduate students investigating and developing the innovative procedures, technologies, and policies crucial to ensuring the safety and reliability of our nation's water supplies.

Donate now at www.nwri-usa.org/LinskyFellowship.htm.

For questions about the endowment, please contact Jeff Mosher at (714) 378-3278 or jmosher@nwri-usa.org.

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