

RONALD B. LINSKY FELLOWSHIP

ENDOWMENT FUND

Support an Outstanding Student in Water Science & Engineering

Join NWRI in supporting graduate students conducting cutting-edge research to ensure the safety and reliability of our nation's water supplies.

NWRI established the Ronald B. Linsky Fellowship for Outstanding Water Research in 2006 to support water research conducted by graduate-level students at U.S. universities. The 2-year, \$20,000-a-year fellowship funds research in areas such as:

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

This endowed fellowship was named in honor of NWRI's first Executive Director, Ronald B. Linsky. 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.



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

The Ronald B. Linsky Fellowship for Outstanding Water Research is a tribute to a unique man who was a mentor and friend to so many.



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The Need for Fellowship Funding

Safe, reliable sources of water are essential to maintain our quality of life. However, our nation faces a number of challenges in meeting the needs of a growing population requiring more water resources and protection against emerging issues, such as water scarcity and the quality of our water supplies.

Challenges to safe, reliable sources of water include:

- Limited water resources.
- Increasing water scarcity.
- Impacts on water quality.
- Increasing levels of salts and nutrients.
- Need for better water-use efficiency.

- Aging water infrastructure.

NWRI established its Fellowship Program to support and encourage graduate students to investigate and develop the innovative procedures, technologies, and policies crucial to resolving these critical water needs. It is among the few programs available that support the efforts of graduate students conducting water and wastewater research in the U.S.



The First Ronald B. Linsky Fellow

Douglas Call, a Ph.D. candidate in Environmental Engineering at Pennsylvania State University, received the inaugural NWRI Ronald B. Linsky Fellowship for Outstanding Water Research in 2007 for his research on breakthrough technology for generating energy and treating biodegradable organic matter in wastewater.

Originally from Virginia, Doug began his graduate studies at Penn State in 2006, with an initial research focus on a new cathode structure in microbial fuel cells.

With the help of the Ronald B. Linsky Fellowship, Doug's initial investigation on cathode materials for full-scale use in wastewater treatment plants has expanded to include research into a new type of reactor called a microbial electrolysis reactor, which produces hydrogen as an energy source (rather than electricity).

Doug expects to earn his Ph.D. within the next 3 years and hopes to continue finding ways to make wastewater a valuable renewable resource as an alternate source for energy production.



Patricia Linsky, wife of Ron Linsky, with Douglas Call, the first recipient of the Ronald B. Linsky Fellowship. The initial funding for the Fellowship was generously provided by Mrs. Linsky.

About NWRI

The National Water Research Institute (NWRI) of Fountain Valley, California, is a 501c3 non-profit organization that has collaborated with partners around the world for over 17 years on key issues related to water research, education, and outreach. Our current focus areas include:

- Encouraging public support for conservation and water-use efficiency.
- Implementing strategies to allocate and sustain water resources.
- Protecting existing water resources from impacts on quality and quantity.
- Developing non-traditional sources of water, such as wastewater and brackish water.
- Developing technologies that identify and remove contaminants from water supplies.
- Identifying treatment technologies that are cost- and energy-efficient.
- Providing information about water issues and future water needs.

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