

STUDENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM

The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) will consider applications from qualified seafood producers (and recognized associations) for financial and technical assistance to hire post secondary students work on development projects undertaken within the context of the fishing and aquaculture industries. The program will benefit university and community college students by giving them exposure to the many technical problems encountered in the industry.

Criteria and Financial Assistance

Approved projects qualify for a maximum of \$5,000.00 in financial assistance to cover eligible costs as outlined below. Assistance is not available for regular harvest/production work. Assistance is only available for costs directly associated with a specific development/research project.

Eligible Costs

- up to 50% of student wages directly related to the project
- specified travel costs related to the project as per provincial standards for travel within Nova Scotia
- raw materials (including procurement costs)
- laboratory supplies/equipment
- copying and library services
- equipment fabrication and/or rental
- shop time (e.g. pilot plant) and shop costs

Criteria

- project time frame not to exceed one year (follow-up or spin-off projects will be considered as separate projects)
- students must be enrolled in a university or college
- technology development projects directly related to food science, harvesting, processing, boat building or aquaculture
- priority will be given to projects with industry support and those that address a known industry concern