



Andrew Slater Memorial Award for Early Career Permafrost Researchers – AGU 2018

The U.S. Permafrost Association calls for applications for the Andrew Slater Memorial Award, which will be a \$1,000 award for a U.S. based student or post-graduate researcher (within six years of their terminal degree) attending the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting in 2018. This award is in memory of our dear colleague and friend, Drew, who passed away unexpectedly in 2016. Dr. Slater was an accomplished scientist who focused his research efforts on the interactions between snow, permafrost, and hydrology and how they played a role in climate change. From his EOS tribute (<https://eos.org/articles/andrew-g-slater-1971-2016>):

“A complete scientist, Drew was a theorist, a modeler, an experimentalist, and a teacher, equally competent writing model code, analyzing satellite data, stomping through snow to collect measurements, and explaining to school kids the impact of climate change on skiing.

Drew pursued science and life with passion: He had keen insights and intellect; he sought innovative, meaningful, and thorough solutions to Earth science problems; and he was perpetually providing thoughtful critiques of ongoing work and engaging in fierce debates on ways to accelerate advances in land modeling capabilities.”

The applicant must be first author on a permafrost-related research presentation (oral or poster) at AGU. The presentation should follow in the research interests of Dr. Slater. Preference will be given to an applicant who possesses both USPA and PYRN memberships. Undergraduate students are encouraged to apply.

We hope this award will help us remember the special way Drew went about being a scientist and that it will inspire young scientists to follow in his footsteps. Dr. Slater's career included a dedication to deep understanding of his research topics from theoretical, observational, and modeling angles and involved a certain irreverence for the status quo. We are grateful to his family who are funding this cash award that will be given out annually.

The application can be found at www.uspermafrost.org or by emailing Daniel Vecellio at djvecellio@tamu.edu. The application is due October 21st, 2018 at midnight Central Standard Time.