

## **American Avalanche Association Graduate Research Grant Announcement**

Since 2000 the American Avalanche Association (AAA) has awarded research grants to graduate students conducting research on snow avalanches. Successful applicants have chosen research topics that embody the philosophy of the International Snow Science Workshop (ISSW), an international meeting of snow scientists and avalanche practitioners. The 1982 workshop first coined the theme of all subsequent ISSWs, "A merging of theory and practice". The AAA has allocated \$1500 per year to this program and plans to fund at most two proposals each year.

Grant applications should include a proposal of no more than 2 printed pages of 11-point font with reasonable margins. References, figures, and budget do not count toward the two pages. A letter of support from a faculty advisor should be sent separately. Applicants must list all sources of current and pending support for their projects. An awarded research grant is intended to enhance an existing research project. Hence fundable expenses include but are not limited to instrumentation, transportation, and field equipment. A complete application must arrive by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible.

Money may be awarded on a matching basis so successful applicants can leverage additional funds from other grants for their work. Successful applicants will be expected to write a final report as well as an article summarizing their research for The Avalanche Review. Researchers are also encouraged to present their results at the International Snow Science Workshop. The AAA should be acknowledged in all publications and presentations made based on the funded research.

### **Grant Evaluation**

- Each proposal will be evaluated by at least three independent reviewers. The reviewer's qualifications will include:
  - Professional Membership in the American Avalanche Association
  - Active researcher or field practitioner in a snow or avalanche program.
- In order of significance, preference will be given to:
  - Projects that embody the spirit of the ISSW, namely those which aim to "merge theory and practice".
  - Projects using creative solutions to practical problems.
  - Projects that are not already funded.
  - Projects where the applicant can demonstrate an ability to use AAA money to leverage additional funds.