The W. Christina Carlson Fund was established by friends and colleagues in memory of Chris Carlson who taught biology at Rhode Island College from before her graduation in 1925 until 1954 when she became the institution's registrar. Her principal interest was botany, but she was knowledgeable and taught successfully in all areas of the field.

On February 19, 1975 the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island College Foundation approved the use of income from the W. C. Carlson Fund to establish and annual prize in biology and the first award was made in May (1975).

**Preamble**

The fund is administered by the Rhode Island College Foundation and shall consist of a $25 check. The award will be made from the interest earned on the principal of the fund. The award will be presented as part of the Cap and Gown Day Program by the chair (or designee) of the biology department.

**Selection Criteria**

1. Recipient must be a biology major.
2. Recipient must be an outstanding student who has demonstrated exceptional potential for research in Biological Sciences.

**Selection Process**

Students may be nominated by any faculty member of the Biology Department by letter to the chair of the Departmental Honors Committee. The letter shall include a detailed description of the student's credentials and must be submitted before the deadline date as established by the Honors Committee.

The Honors Committee will make the final selection based on the above criteria.

The department chair will have the responsibility to notify the recipient and the RIC Foundation will provide the award check prior to the Cap and Gown Day.

Approved [Frank Doliak]    Date [9/8/80]
Title [Chairman, Biology]