



## Indiana University Research and Teaching Preserve (IURTP) Student Research Grants

Grants are available for IU undergraduate or graduate student research in the environmental sciences (e.g., ecology, geology, atmospheric science, human-environment interactions) at the IU Research and Teaching Preserve (RTP) properties. **Awards of up to \$3,000 each (or \$4,000 for a multi-student, collaborative project) will be granted on a competitive basis.** The goal of this grant program is to encourage and advance student research on RTP properties; the relationship of the research to RTP properties should be explicit. Priority is given to projects without other funding sources, but all interested students are encouraged to apply.

### Eligibility Requirements

All Indiana University students with full-time undergraduate or graduate status are eligible. It is expected that undergraduates will be in their junior or senior year when completing the research while graduate students may be at any stage though preference will be given to students who are not in their final year. Students should be enrolled full-time during the period of the grant, although the research may carry over during summer sessions. An overall 3.0 GPA is required of student applicants. If IRB or IACUC protocols are required for the research, they must be submitted with the proposal; funds will not be awarded until protocols are approved.

### Selection Criteria

Awarding of the grants will be based on the following criteria:

- The quality, feasibility, and appropriateness of the research being proposed
- The promise of positive intellectual growth, regardless of the specific outcome of the research
- Established academic credentials and background for conducting the proposed research
- Academic and intellectual support available to student to complete the research
- Support of the supervising faculty member
- A significant field component based at one or more of the IURTP properties

### Research Summary and Information Dissemination

Upon the completion of the research project, the student will submit a short written report summarizing the research effort. Alternatively, a senior thesis or graduate thesis could substitute if appropriate. Awardees are also expected to participate in the IPE Spring Research Conference. An accounting of how the grant funds were spent should also be provided at the completion of the project.

### Application Procedure

Completed applications should be submitted as a PDF to [preserve@indiana.edu](mailto:preserve@indiana.edu) by 11:59pm, March 11, 2022 with subject RTP Student Grant 2022. Notification of awards will be made by April 1, 2022. The application form should be completed, including a specific research plan, a mentorship plan, a plan for the division of work (for collaborative projects), and a detailed budget (listing other sources of funding, including pending grant applications). If the applicant has previously received funding from this program, a description of those research results should also be included. The budget may include up to \$500 for reimbursement of personal expenses related to the research project (travel to and from the site, etc.).

One supporting letter of recommendation is required and should be submitted as a PDF via [preserve@indiana.edu](mailto:preserve@indiana.edu) before the application deadline. A waiver should be included within the PDF for each letter of recommendation. The waiver is located at the top of the letter of recommendation form.

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**RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Deadline: March 11, 2022

Completed applications should be submitted as a PDF by email to [preserve@indiana.edu](mailto:preserve@indiana.edu) with the subject line:  
**RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class standing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Degree completion date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dept.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project summary** (100 words or less):

<b>Courses related to research project:</b>				<b>Other courses in major area:</b>			
Dept.	Course #	Title	Grade	Dept.	Course #	Title	Grade

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**Project description:** Please include the purpose of the research, how it will contribute to the field, a specific research plan, planned locations(s) of research, data analyses, timetable, and a brief bibliography. Two-page maximum.

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**Mentorship plan:** Please include a short paragraph detailing the name and position of your mentor and how they will monitor your progress throughout the project. (ex. bi-weekly meetings, multiple visits to the field site etc.)

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**Work division plan:** For collaborative projects, please include a detailed description of how research duties will be divided among teammates.

## Indiana University Research and Teaching Preserve Grant Program

**Budget:** List in order of priority.

Item	Total Amount Necessary	Amount Requested Here
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
TOTAL		

**Budget justification:**

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Letter of recommendation for: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester and year for which student is applying: \_\_\_\_\_

### WAIVER

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 opens many student records for the student's inspection. The law permits the students to sign a waiver relinquishing their rights to inspect letters of recommendation. The applicant's signature below constitutes a waiver; no signature means that the student will have the right to read this recommendation.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This waiver must accompany the faculty recommendation letter. This waiver, as well as the faculty recommendation letter, should be submitted via email to [preserve@indiana.edu](mailto:preserve@indiana.edu) with the subject line: **RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**.

### FACULTY RECOMMENDER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Campus address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach to this form a letter of recommendation that addresses the following questions about the applicant and her/his project.

- A. How well do you know the applicant; in what capacity; and for what duration of time have you had contact with her/him?
- B. Assessment of applicant (research potential and motivation, intellectual capacity, maturity, reliability, seriousness of purpose).
- C. Provide your evaluation of the proposed project (significance, originality, methods and procedures, budget feasibility).
- D. Please add any additional comments and details about the applicant and/or her/his project which you think the committee should consider.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_