

Grant Funds Available for Student Research in the Indiana University Research and Teaching Preserve (IURTP)

Grants are available for undergraduate or graduate student research in the environmental sciences (e.g., ecology, geology, atmospheric science, human-environment interactions) at the Indiana University Research and Teaching Preserve (RTP) properties. **A maximum of three awards, each up to \$2,000**, will be granted on a competitive basis.

The goals of this grant program are to encourage and advance student research on RTP properties. Priority will be given to research projects without other external funding sources, but all interested students at the undergraduate or graduate level 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.

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

Applications should be submitted by March 23. Notification of awards will be made by April 13. The application form should be completed, including a specific research plan 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 \$750 for reimbursement of personal expenses related to the research project (travel to and from the site, etc.).

Completed applications should be submitted as a PDF to preserve@indiana.edu by midnight, March 23, 2018.

Two supporting letters of recommendation are required and should be submitted as PDFs via 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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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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Budget: List in order of priority.

Item	Total Amount Necessary	Amount Requested Here
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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 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: _____