



The Environmental Studies Research Enhancement Awards

(for Undergraduates only)

Goal: To provide funding for ES students conducting research or similar creative activities that will enhance their educational and career goals. Funding is available for supplies & expenses, campus recharge for space/facilities usage or NRS Reserve charges, and mileage reimbursement or other travel expenses directly related to the research.

Amount of Funding: Up to \$500 per Individual Award

Requirements:

- Applicant must be a sophomore, junior, or senior Environmental Studies major, and must be conducting research under the guidance of a faculty member or one of their graduate students
- Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0
- All applicants must have a faculty sponsor

To apply: Submit a 1 page description of the proposed research, and a 1 page proposed budget with justification. Student should also indicate the faculty sponsor and provide contact information for them.

Restrictions:

- A student funded by a faculty member's research grant can apply as long as they are conducting *their own clearly identifiable* piece of research within the larger lab framework.
- Funding cannot be used for salaries.
- Funding is strictly reimbursable through ES staff.
- It will not go into the students BARC account. Students must save and turn in all receipts and/or or fill in travel forms for mileage or other travel reimbursement (forms available from ES office staff).
- Funds must be spent while student is still enrolled.
- Unspent funds will be returned to the Department.
- A reporting (1-2 pages) of how the funds contributed to the research product is required before final reimbursements.
- Recipients are required to contribute a poster to the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in May (if still a registered student.)

Applications can be submitted at any time via email to Erinn O'Shea at eoshea@es.ucsb.edu. Decisions on applications will be determined within 4 weeks of submission.

Research Enhancement Award Application

Applicant Name: _____

Research Sponsor Name: _____

Throughout the text use 1-inch margins, 1.5 spacing, and a 12-point font such as *Times* or *Times New Roman*. Remember that the project needs to be no more than 1-page and can be no longer than 2-pages.

Abstract:

Please provide a 100 to 200-word description of your proposed research including a brief introduction to the question being addressed and what you plan to do to address this.

Objectives:

- 1) List the main question you will address.
- 2) List the main objective(s)/hypotheses for your project

Introduction

State briefly why the research you are proposing (or doing) is important and how it relates to larger issues in your field.

Methods

Bulk of the proposal: Make sure that the evaluating committee understands how you will be approaching your research. If you are proposing to do ethnographic research, include as an appendix a sample survey. If you will be conducting laboratory research, include in the appendix copies of laboratory training you have taken or will need to take to work in a lab. If you will be conducting fieldwork, include a statement of how you will ensure your safety.

Research Enhancement Award Budget & Budget Justification

Budget

Use the following table to present your budget (add more rows if needed).

Item #	Description	Amount
1		\$###.##
2		
3		
	Total	\$###.##

Budget Justifications

Explain how you will use the funds you are requesting. Remember that the budget and justification can be no more than 1-page and that you will only be reimbursed for items related to your research for which **you have receipts**.