



# 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](mailto:eoshea@es.ucsb.edu). Decisions on applications will be determined within 4 weeks after submission of application.

# Research Enhancement Award Application

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Research Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Throughout the text use 1-inch margins, 1.5 spacing, and a 12-pont 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.

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## 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**.