

BSES SENIOR RESEARCH GRANT

GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENT RESEARCH

These instructions and forms are for proposals to support BSES senior research in the environmental sciences (*e.g.* ecology, geology, atmospheric science, human-environment interactions). Awards of up to \$500 will be granted on a competitive basis. Awards greater than \$500 may be considered under special circumstances.

Priority will be given to research projects without other external funding sources, but all BSES students are encouraged to apply. An application consisting of a research plan and timetable, budget, and two letters of recommendation should be submitted to the director of the BSES program (Bruce Douglas, BSES Program Director, Geology 423, IUB, 855-3848, douglasb@indiana.edu).

Eligibility Requirements

This research funding is available to all regular, BSES students of Indiana University with full-time status. It is expected that the student will be in their senior year when completing the research outlined in this proposal. Students should be enrolled full-time during the period of the grant, although the research may carry over during summer sessions when this is not the case.

Application Procedure

A completed application and the two letters of recommendation may be submitted to Bruce Douglas any time, but target deadlines are December 1 and April 1. Notification of awards will be made as quickly as possible. An application form is attached here or can be requested from the director. The completed form should include a specific research plan, timetable, and a detailed budget (listing other sources of funding, including pending grant applications). The budget may include up to \$300 for reimbursement of personal expenses related to the research project (travel to and from the site, purchase of books or research materials, etc.). Two supporting letters of recommendation must also accompany the application. The letters of recommendation should be in sealed, signed envelopes and included with the application.

Selection Criteria

The awarding of these grants will be based on the following criteria:

1. The quality, feasibility, and appropriateness of the research being proposed
2. The promise of positive intellectual growth, regardless of the specific outcome of the research.
3. Established academic credentials and background for conducting the proposed research
4. Academic and intellectual support available to student to complete the research
5. Support of the supervising faculty member.

BSES SENIOR RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION FORM

(Completed applications should be returned to Bruce Douglas, BSES Degree Program)

Name: _____ **ID#** _____

Email Address: _____

Concentration: _____

Class standing: _____ Degree completion date: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____

Project Title: _____

Project Supervisor: _____ **Dept.:** _____

Project Summary (100 words or less):

Courses Related to Research Project:				Other Courses in Major Area:			
Dept.	Course #	Title	Grade	Dept.	Course #	Title	Grade

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

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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Letter of recommendation for _____

Semester and year for which student is applying: _____

WAIVER

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Student's signature: _____ Date _____

This waiver must accompany the faculty recommendation letter. This waiver, as well as the faculty recommendation letter, should be placed in a sealed envelope and included with the application.

FACULTY RECOMMENDER

Name: _____ Dept. _____

Campus Address _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Please attach a letter of recommendation to this form 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 or her/his project which you think the committee also ought to consider.

Signature _____ Date _____

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