

# Cofrin Student Research Grant Application

## Overview of Cofrin Student Research Grants

The Cofrin Center for Biodiversity offers an exciting, annual student grant opportunity that provides funds students to gain experience in the fields of ecology, biology, geology, water chemistry, environmental policy, exercise fitness, photography, and art. Funds awarded to undergraduate or graduate students are used to complete a research project in collaboration with a UW-Green Bay faculty member. Students may propose to work on a new project of interest to them or help fund existing work (e.g., master's thesis). The proposed student project must take place at one or more of the six UW-Green Bay Natural Areas (Cofrin Memorial Arboretum, Kingfisher Farm, Peninsula Center, Point au Sable, Wequiock Creek, and Toft Point) and contribute to our understanding of these special places.

Cofrin Student Research Grants are made possible thanks to a generous endowment from the family of Dr. David Cofrin and the late John Cofrin. Since this grant opportunity was founded in 1989, this program has supported nearly 200 graduate and undergraduate researchers at UW-Green Bay. View our [list](#) of past completed projects by other students.

## Eligibility

Any undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at any UW-Green Bay campus may apply.

## Deadlines

- May 1 - Grant applications due to [biodiversity@uwgb.edu](mailto:biodiversity@uwgb.edu)
- May 15 - Applicants will be notified of the decision
- March or April (of following year) - Grant recipients are required to present at the annual Cofrin Student Research Grant Symposium
- May 1 (of following year) - Grant recipients are required to turn in an archive of the project (e.g., raw data files, photographs, metadata), borrowed or purchased equipment (unless otherwise instructed), and a final report to the Cofrin Center's Data Manager.

## How Awarded Funds May Be Used

Awarded funds on the order of \$500-\$1,000 may be used for travel expenses, equipment, or supplies. In many cases, we provide a stipend (not exceeding \$700) to awarded recipients, though we request that a stipend not be included in the application's budget.

## How to Apply

Students interested in applying should contact an appropriate faculty member and write a brief (2-5 page) grant proposal containing the following information:

- Descriptive title.
- Introduction: including a literature review and study objectives.
- Proposed methods: The methods section must clearly explain the sampling procedure, expected data analysis, location of study, and project schedule and duration. Include how many hours you expect to spend doing field or lab work.
- Anticipated outcomes or result of the work.
- Proposed budget: be specific about prices for equipment and supplies; mileage will be billed at current state rates. Please do not include a stipend request as that will be determined by the grants committee.
- Proposals must include the student's name, phone number, and email address and faculty member's name.
- Proposals should be saved as a .doc, .docx, .rtf, or .pdf files.

See an [example proposal](#) for more guidance on writing the proposal.