

Graduate Summer Research Awards

Department of Integrative Biology

Application Details

1. Grants will be made for summer research expenses and/or research stipends. Funds can be used for expenses such as equipment, supplies, and travel related to research.
2. Applicants should clearly separate and justify requests for research expenses and research stipends.
 - If requesting funding for specific research expenses, a detailed budget justification of research expenses must be included.
 - Research assistantships up to 50% appointment time are available for summer research stipends. If requesting funding for a research stipend, the % of appointment time and specific dates of the requested support must be included.
3. Awards for research expenses will typically be for \$750-\$3,500.
4. Candidates must either be graduate students in the Department of Integrative Biology or have a faculty advisor with at least a 50%-time appointment in the Department of Integrative Biology.
5. The deadline for the application is **March 1 at 11:59 pm**. Applications should be emailed to Kelin Boldiis (boldiis@wisc.edu) as a single PDF file.
6. Funding for a summer research award comes from a variety of sources and you will be considered for all possible sources of funding. Do not list particular funds that you think are appropriate.
7. **Note that this application is separate from other department awards (JJD Travel Awards and GSSA Research Travel Awards). Those awards require separate applications.*
8. Applications must include:
 - A. A coversheet with the heading "Graduate Summer Research Awards" listing (in this order):
 - applicant's name
 - student ID number
 - email address
 - campus address and telephone number
 - degree program (master's or Ph.D.)
 - number of semesters in graduate school at UW-Madison (including semesters spent outside iBio)
 - if Ph.D. candidate, current status (pre-qualifying exam, pre-prelim exam, pre-dissertation defense)
 - faculty advisor
 - dates between which the research will be performed or dates of support requested for research stipends
 - total funds requested for research expenses
 - all previous Graduate Summer Research Awards with dates and amounts included
 - B. A research proposal limited to 5 pages of double-spaced text excluding references and figures. **If funds have been received in the past, the research proposal must have a separate section addressing how these funds were used.**
 - C. An itemized budget for all research expenses (equipment, supplies, and travel), if applicable.

- D. A list of current and pending support, including RA, TA, and funds for research expenses. If applying for research stipends, list your assistantship plans for the fall semester.
 - E. Provide a 2-4 sentence description of your overall research in general terms. A non-biologist should be able to understand this description.
 - F. A current CV listing educational background, publications, presentations at meetings, etc.
 - G. A letter of support from the student's faculty advisor commenting on the student's abilities, the scientific merit of the proposal, and other circumstances of which the Awards Committee should be made aware. **The letter must have a separate section on the proposed budget, specifically addressing the availability of other funds for the student.** If not included with the rest of the application, letters of support must be emailed to Kelin Boldiis before the deadline.
9. All applicants will be evaluated together on merit, and assignment of different funds will be determined following evaluation. Applications will be judged by the Awards Committee on the basis of the scientific quality of the proposed research, the potential of the student to complete the proposed research successfully, and the need of the student.