

Alumni-funded Undergraduate Research Grant Guidelines and Application

Application Deadline: Second Friday of the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters.

The *Alumni-funded Undergraduate Research Grant* was established in 2013 to support research done by undergraduate Geology students at Eastern Washington University. The grant was initiated from a generous donation from a former student who graduated from EWU with a B.S. in Geology in 2003 and from Baylor University with a Ph.D. in Geology. He is currently a research geologist and technical team leader at Exxon Mobil in Houston, TX where he works with others to predict the presence of oil/gas reservoirs in remote and underexplored parts of the world.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be an EWU undergraduate student with a major declared in Geology (B.S. or B.A.) or Environmental Science (with an emphasis in Geology).
- Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA in his/her geology/environmental science courses, and at least an EWU 3.0 GPA overall.
- A professor in the Department of Geology must supervise the student research.
- All application materials must be received by the deadline.

Use of Funds:

A student in good standing may be awarded a maximum of \$300 during their time at EWU. Funds may be used for:

- field or lab supplies
- sample analyses
- travel expenses required for field work and/or sample analyses

Funds may not be used for personal field gear (e.g., hiking boots), salary, travel expenses for a professional meeting, tuition, or textbooks.

Those who receive an award are expected to: 1) present their work at the EWU Research and Creative Works Symposium or other professional meeting, and 2) submit a final report to the Geology Department immediately following the completion of the project.

The report should detail how the award was spent, a summary of the research, and a list of any publications or presentations given at the EWU Research and Creative Works Symposium or professional meetings generated by this research.

Application Procedure:

1. Complete the application form.
2. Submit an electronic copy and one hard copy each to (the Department Secretary, the Department Chair and your faculty advisor) on the second Friday of the Fall, Winter, or Spring quarter.
3. Recipients will be announced by the fourth week of the quarter.

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1. Student Name:

Major:
Email:

Student ID:
Geology GPA:
Overall EWU GPA:

2. Project Title:

3. Faculty Advisor Name: (printed)

(signature)

4. Amount Requested:

5. Project Dates:

6. Project Description: Attach a two-page description of the proposed project; use 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Include the research question(s) to be addressed, sampling locations, methods, analyses, and schedule for proposed activities. Figures and tables may be included in the description and count toward the two pages.

The following items must be included as part of the application but do not count toward the two-page limit of the project description.

7. List of References: Provide a list of peer-reviewed journal articles, etc. that have helped you frame your research questions, provided background information, etc.

8. Budget Information: Provide an itemized budget in a table format similar to the one below.

Budget Category	\$ Requested	\$ Other Source	Total Budget
Research-related Travel:			
Lodging			
Meals			
Transportation/Mileage			
Supplies & Equipment			
Other (please specify)			
Total Project Budget			

8. Budget Justification: Provide a detailed budget justification. Include rationale for proposed costs.