

Lakeshore Nature Preserve - Student Engagement Grants

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Lakeshore Nature Preserve is pleased to announce a funding opportunity to support undergraduate education in the Preserve. These small grants are made possible by generous support from the Academic Endowment Fund of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. The maximum individual award in 2015 is \$1,000.

Purpose of the Grants

The broad purpose of these grants is to facilitate use of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve as a resource for education among UW undergraduates. In general, funds will be used for one of the following:

- Purchase of equipment, supplies, etc. related to a specific project in the Preserve
- Student stipends

Eligibility and Criteria

Any student, faculty or staff member at UW – Madison may apply. Groups of individuals may submit a proposal as a team. Every student individual or team must have at least one faculty or staff member, who is expected to play an active role in overseeing the project. Funds may only be released to the faculty or staff person overseeing the project.

Review criteria are listed below.

1. Degree of student engagement with the Preserve that will result from the grant award
2. Scientific, educational, or applied value
3. Efficient use of funds
4. Use of, or contribution to, the Lakeshore Preserve Digital Library
5. For research proposals, potential to serve as pilot data for external funding of additional research

Contribution to Digital Collection

All proposals are encouraged to use, and contribute to, the Preserve collection of data and reports related to the Lakeshore Nature Preserve and its use by humans. Proposals that collect data are expected to make the data available upon completion of the project.

Process for Application

Please submit a proposal comprised of the following components in this order:

1. Cover page including title and names and positions of applicants
2. Description of proposal (not to exceed 1000 words)
3. Expected educational outcomes for participating students
4. Other expected outcomes (e.g. contribution to the Preserve digital collection, pilot data for an external grant)
5. Budget and budget justification
6. Timeline

Application submission

Please submit applications by email to both of the following by February 16, 2015.

Laura Wyatt, Program Manager, Lakeshore Nature Preserve <lw Wyatt@fpm.wisc.edu>

Chloe Wardropper, Member, Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee <wardropper@wisc.edu>

Applications will be reviewed by the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee, with decision notifications sent by mid-March. Grant funds should be expended within one year.

Additional expectations

1. Grant funds should be expended by October 31, 2015, unless otherwise arranged.
2. Recipients will submit a brief final report by October 31st, 2015 to Laura Wyatt.
3. For research proposals, members of the team will present the findings at an appropriate venue, such as a conference or the undergraduate research symposium, and to the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee.
4. Research teams will write a letter to the donors, thanking them for their support and including a short summary of how they used the funds.