

2022 STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION

The goal of the Biogeography Specialty Group (BSG) Graduate Student Research Grant competition is to provide partial support for graduate students to conduct quality biogeographic research projects for their master's thesis or doctoral dissertation. The awards are competitive, and proposals are judged individually on the basis of: 1) *scientific merit* of the project, including biogeographic significance of the research question, adequacy and quality of the methods, and originality of the research; 2) *organization* and *clarity* of the proposal; and, 3) *qualifications* of the student to conduct the proposed work.

Each applicant must be a student member of both the AAG and BSG, and the proposed project should be part of her/his thesis or dissertation research. Students may join the AAG and BSG now and become eligible for the grants competition if not already a student member.

Normally, awards are made to one master's student for \$500 and one doctoral student for \$1000 each year, but an additional award may be made if the proposals are exceptional and funds are available. A committee of four to six biogeographers from different institutions will evaluate the proposals. Applications must be emailed to Dr. Arvind Bhuta (marvind.a.bhuta@usda.gov) by midnight, Pacific Standard Time, January 7, 2022. For more information contact:

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Proposal Instructions

Name all application files with your last name first. Each applicant should submit a proposal according to the following format:

1. *Cover sheet.* Please complete and submit the application form on the next page. The form must include the name of student's advisor and email address in order to certify that the information is correct. You should type the information directly into the cover sheet, and then simply append the following items to the end of this document.
2. *Project description.* This section should contain a clear description of the research objectives, the expected significance, and the research methodology. The text should not exceed two single-spaced pages. Cite only the most relevant publications.
3. *List of cited references.*
4. *Itemized budget.* No salaries or indirect costs are allowed, only direct costs such as travel expenses and essential field supplies. The awards are usually \$1000 for doctoral work and \$500 for master's work.
5. *Budget justification.*
6. *One-page abbreviated curriculum vitae.* In the CV, please *briefly* list past and current funding (both the agency and the dollar amount) that has supported this proposed research. Awards given by the BSG are partially based on demonstration of *need* for BSG funding. Failure to disclose your past and current funding (including funding that may have arrived during this competition) for this research could result in disqualification from this competition.

Cover Sheet

Date:

Name of Applicant:

Department:

University:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

The proposed study is for: Master's Degree Doctoral Degree

Anticipated date of
graduation:

Title of project:

Amount requested:

I am a student member
of both the AAG and BSG: Yes No

Signature of Applicant:

Proof of student eligibility:

I certify that the applicant is currently a graduate student under my supervision and that the proposed project is part of her/his thesis research.

Name of Advisor:

Signature of Advisor:

Advisor email address: