Objectives: To encourage and help C of I students to:

1) Pursue independent scientific research in a field represented by Museum collections, including both explicitly hypothesis-based projects and defined collecting efforts on a group of organisms (e.g., for baseline studies, or previously under-collected);
2) Plan out and execute research;
3) Present and publish research;
4) Pursue research interests into graduate school and careers

Award: $500 grant. Funds can pay for most items related to research and presentation of results. For example:

- student’s time doing field, lab, or museum work;
- supplies and equipment for field, lab, or museum work;
- travel to do field work or present research at a conference.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Application should be made at least one month prior to the beginning of the project.

If awarded, student must:

- Work with Project Supervisor (see application) to plan out research work logistics, including permits (if needed), safety issues, buy supplies/equipment, curation of materials; etc.
- Complete his/her research and the following within 6 months of being awarded the grant.
  a) Submit abstract and present research at a professional conference (example, the Idaho Academy of Science and Engineering annual symposium) or to the College of Idaho Student Research Conference.
  b) Submit 2-page report on his/her research to the Museum Board;
  c) Give short presentation to the Museum Board and at a Museum Workday Seminar.
  d) Give appropriate credit to the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History, The College of Idaho.

For questions about the collections, please contact the Museum Board.
APPLICATION FOR STUDENT RESEARCH FUND

Student Name:

Major:

Expected date of graduation:

Institutional address:

Permanent home address:

E-mail: 

Phone: 

Title of research project:

Beginning and ending dates of research project:

**Project Supervisor:** The student applicant is responsible for seeking a supervisor for his or her project. The Project Supervisor should be a faculty member or other suitably qualified individual (such as a Museum Curator or Research Associate) at The College of Idaho. Responsibilities of Project Supervisor include consulting with the student in advance of the application to ensure its quality and do-ability; meeting regularly with the student during the course of the award to ensure adequate progress, answer questions, and provide guidance; working with the student to prepare some sort of final project or paper; and providing guidance as the student prepares to report back to the Museum Board on his/her work and results.

**Project Supervisor's name and e-mail:**

**Project Supervisor’s Signature agreeing to the above:**

**Faculty Supervisor (if needed):** If the project is being done for academic credit at the C of I, then either the Project Supervisor or a separate C of I faculty member will be responsible for grading the student, after having agreed upon (with the student) the work to be completed by the student. If academic credit at C of I is being sought AND the Project Supervisor is not a C of I faculty member, the student is responsible for seeking a faculty member who will take on these responsibilities.

**Faculty Supervisor’s name and email (if needed):**

**Faculty Supervisor’s Signature (if needed):**
Proposed Research Project: 2-page maximum; single-spaced; 1-inch margins.
In your proposal, explain how your project matches the objectives of this grant program. In preparing your application you will find this site useful: https://www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history.

Structure your proposal to address the following:

- Introduction to research and project.
- Methods: Field, lab, and/or museum.
- Expected Results.
- How will your work will benefit Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History (examples: identification, curation, shared archival material, sharing of your photos for our database, etc.)?
- Timeline of research work:
  When will work be done and completed;
  When/where will abstract be submitted and presented.
- Budget: Explain how funds will be spent. Explain any additional sources of support for the project.
- Literature Cited.

Resume/Curriculum Vitae: 2-page maximum, focusing on your academic accomplishments.

Send your complete application to:

Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History
Attn: Bill Clark & Barbara Ertter
1221 Cleveland Blvd
Caldwell, Idaho 83605

You can also drop off your application at the Museum, located in the basement of Boone Science Hall.