



**STUDENT RESEARCH FUND
FOR STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO**

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.

**ORMA J. SMITH MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
Application for Student Research Fund**

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):

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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