

Graduate Student Research Support Grants
Duke University Wetland Center
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The Duke University Wetland Center in the Nicholas School of the Environment announces grants for graduate students interested in working on wetland research and management issues. The competition is open to both PhD and masters students in the Nicholas School of the Environment only. In 2018, up to three awards are available up to a maximum of \$5,000 each. Applicants must submit competitive proposals that clearly focus on a topic in wetland science and management (*e.g.*, ecology, plant physiology, biogeochemistry, hydrology, hydrodynamics, sediment transport, economics, and/or policy).

Allowable expenses are those in direct support of PhD dissertation or master's project activities that will lead to a graduate degree. A broad category of expenses is allowable under this program (supplies, equipment, travel, meals, etc., but student stipends are limited to half the award amount) as long as they are in direct support of graduate research in wetlands. Funds cannot be used for conference travel, as other Duke graduate funds are available for this activity. Publication of research is expected in either peer reviewed journals or the appropriate user community and the Wetland Center fund given an appropriate acknowledgment.

Support

Randy Neighbarger in the Duke University Wetland Center (randyn@duke.edu; 919-613-8009) can assist if you have questions on the proposal submission.

Proposal Format

Cover page, title and student contact information,

Abstract (approximately 250 words),

Proposal narrative (max. 3 page, single-spaced, 1" margin in all directions, Times New Roman 11 pt) should include:

- Statement of purpose, goals, and objectives,
- Description of project design, methods, references,
- Timeline for proposed research/activities and schedule for completion,
- Detailed budget and explanation of why expenses are needed (not counted in the 3-page narrative) (1 page max)

Please include 2-page Vitae (Use [NSF Biosketch](#) format).

Application Procedures

Submit completed applications in PDF format to Randy Neighbarger randyn@duke.edu by March 2, 2018.

Review Procedures

Proposals will be reviewed by a Wetland Center Faculty Committee and awards made in early April 2018.

Reporting

Successful grant recipients must submit a short report (2-3 pages, suitable for publication in the Center's *WetlandWire* newsletter) on activities supported by the grant and give a 20-30 minute presentation on their research in the Wetland Center.

Future eligibility

Grant recipients will not be eligible for another such grant until a report related to the work described in the grant proposal is made. Future eligibility is possible, but only two grants may be awarded to any one student. The second year award must include a compelling reason why additional funding is needed.