

Lakeshore Nature Preserve - Student Engagement Grants

PROPOSED DRAFT 2/4/2014

We are pleased to announce a funding opportunity to support undergraduate education in the UW – Madison Lakeshore Nature Preserve. These small grants are made possible by generous support from private donors and friends of the Preserve. In 2014 the current endowment provides a total of \$3,340 annually. The maximum individual award in 2014 will be \$1,000.

Purpose of the Grants

The broad purpose of these grants is to facilitate use of the Lakeshore 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.
- 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 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 faculty or staff.

Review criteria are listed below.

1. Degree of student engagement with the Preserve that will result
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

Use of the Preserve Digital Library

All proposals are encouraged to make use of, and contribute to, the Lakeshore Preserve Digital Library. The digital library contains a wide diversity of biological, physical, and cultural data related to the Lakeshore Preserve and its use by humans. Proposals that collect data are expected to make the data and a brief final report available through publication in the digital library. Assistance is available to help people use the digital library.

Process for Application

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

1. Cover page including 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 Library, serving as pilot data for an external grant)
5. Budget and budget justification
6. Timeline

Application submission

Please submit applications by email to ___[*contact*]___ by ___[*date*]___. Applications will be reviewed by the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee. Grant funds should be expended within one year. Recipients should submit a 1-page report at the end of the year.