CNR Graduate Travel and Research Supplemental Grants

Application Procedures

The College of Natural Resources offers a series of resources to help graduate students succeed in their program of study. There are 3 separate categories of award:

1. Travel Grants (up to $1500)
2. Research Supplemental Grants: Analysis costs, equipment, and supplies (up to $1000)
3. RA/TA Supplemental Grants: In-state tuition costs (up to full semester in-state tuition)

For each of these grants the applicants must state which category they are applying for and include a statement detailing what semester (spring, summer, fall) the funding is requested. Students should note that these are merit-based fellowships, thus need without academic rigor does not constitute grounds for an award and the CNR Graduate Council Committee reserves the right to not award all available funding in any one cycle. As well, success will depend on the strength of the qualified applicant pool in any cycle. In line with the University of Idaho’s Strategic Plan, funding support will preferentially support PhD students.

Although the “RA/TA Supplemental Grants: In-state tuition costs” grant may be awarded to students that either have received external research funds that do not cover in-state tuition or to students who will serve as teaching assistants, preference will be given to the former. The College of Natural Resources welcomes applications for the CNR Graduate Travel and Research Supplemental Grants at any time before the following semester deadlines:

Spring Semester Application Deadline: 1st Friday in November
Summer / Fall Semester Application Deadline: 1st Friday in April

Completed application packets should be submitted to the CNR Director of Research and Graduate Studies (cnr-drgs@uidaho.edu) in a single PDF. Application packets will not be considered complete unless they contain all of the following elements:

- A 1-page letter outlining the need for the grant. This letter should clearly detail what the funds are needed for and explain other sources of funds that have already explored (e.g., GPSA or research awards) or obtained;
- Current vitae (we recommend NSF or other agency format, although no required format) two (2) pages maximum.
- A letter of support from the student’s major professor (two (2) pages maximum) emailed directly to the CNR Director of Research and Graduate Studies (cnr-drgs@uidaho.edu), that includes:
  - A concise, complete statement highlighting the students’ exceptional accomplishments to date, such as scholarly publications, contributions to teaching, or other significant activities.
  - Information describing the financial need of the candidate and what other sources of funding has already been applied to this student.
  - For the “RA/TA Supplemental Grants: In-state tuition costs”, the advisor must include either a copy of the award letter from the awarding agency with a brief statement detailing why tuition was not included OR a signed letter from a CNR Departmental Chair that states which classes the student will serve as the TA and include a statement that the student will not receive a waiver of in-state tuition.

The CNR Graduate Council Committee will evaluate the application packets based on the following evaluation criteria:

1. The student’s need for funding to support the activity (based on their other sources of funding)
2. The student’s experience and record of research to date

All decisions of the CNR Graduate Council Committee are final and applicants will be notified prior to the end of the semester during which the application is submitted. If successful, Awardees will be expected to:

- Submit a summary of their research for publication on the CNR website and or magazine.
- Have a photograph taken by a CNR photographer and used by the College to promote its exceptional graduate students.
- Allow CNR to use the Awardees photographs for promotional purposes.