

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
2. Research Grants: Analysis costs, equipment, and supplies
3. In-state Tuition Scholarships: 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.

The In-state Tuition Scholarships may be awarded to students that have received external research funds that do not cover in-state tuition or to place-bound doctoral students. The College of Natural Resources welcomes applications for the CNR Graduate Travel and Research Grants at any time before the following semester deadlines:

Summer / Fall Semester Application Deadline:	13 th April
Spring Semester Application Deadline:	16 th November

Completed application packets should be submitted to the CNR Director of Research and Graduate Studies (cnr-drgrs@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 been explored (e.g., GPSA or research awards) or obtained.
- Current vitae (we recommend NSF or other agency format, although there is 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-drgrs@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 have already been applied to this student.
 - For the In-state Tuition Scholarships the advisor **must include** either a brief statement detailing why tuition is not covered OR in the case of a place-bound doctoral student, a signed letter from their current employer that includes a statement that tuition/fees are not being covered.

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

- Pass a criminal background check.
- 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.