

2022 Department of Environmental Sciences Field Research Award

The Department of Environmental Sciences Field Research Award is intended to encourage research and scholarship in undergraduate Environmental Sciences students by funding research-related expenses. Students who are actively engaged in research supervised by a Department of Environmental Sciences faculty member are eligible to apply. Eligible expenses which may be covered include supplies, equipment, conference registration, and travel.

Criteria:

Students should:

1. Be **actively engaged in applied research**. Applied research, unlike theoretical research, is designed to solve practical problems in the world to improve environmental quality and benefit society.
2. Be **mentored** by a Department of Environmental Sciences faculty member, who will be required to provide a letter of support.
3. Be a **declared major in Environmental Sciences**, either as a primary or secondary major.
4. Have a **minimum of 2.0 GPA** both overall and within the major.
5. **Not have been a previous recipient** of the Department of Environmental Sciences Field Research Award.

Allowable expenses

1. Allowable expenses include supplies, equipment, and travel specifically related to the student's research. Any supplies or equipment purchased will remain the property of UNCW at the end of the project.
2. Conference travel related to research can be reimbursed in a manner consistent with UNCW policies, including lodging, per diem, travel, and registration.
3. Unallowable expenses include, but are not limited to salary, tuition, and course fees.
4. Funded research expenses must be incurred in the spring and summer of the award year.
5. Maximum award is \$1000.

Scholarship application materials must include:

1. **Cover page** (see attached)
2. **Research summary**
 - a) **Title** of the research project.
 - b) **Your name**.
 - c) **Abstract** that briefly summarizes your research, including the research question, methodology, findings (if any, to date), and why it is important in the environmental field (750 words maximum).
 - d) **Discussion** of the applied nature of your research (*i.e.* how it addresses practical problems in the world and why the outcomes of your work will benefit both the environment and society) (750 words maximum).

- e) **Presentation opportunities** where you may share your research, including public meetings, conferences, class presentations, outreach to individuals or groups participating in your research, engagement with stakeholders, or poster presentations.
- f) **Timeline** of your research project.
3. A **signed letter** of support from your Department of Environmental Sciences faculty mentor indicating support for both your proposed research and application for the Department of Environmental Sciences Field Research Award.
4. An **itemized budget** (see attached) in tabular form plus a brief narrative that justifies the proposed expenses. If possible, include specific ordering information (*e.g.* item numbers).

The application must be word processed, single-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font (or similar), with 1-inch margins.

Application procedure:

1. Assemble your application as a single PDF file named:
“YOURLASTNAME FIELD RESEARCH AWARD APPLICATION.PDF” (for example, “SMITH FIELD RESEARCH AWARD APPLICATION.PDF”)
2. Submit the file via your UNCW email account to evs@uncw.edu. The subject of the email should be:
“YOURLASTNAME FIELD RESEARCH AWARD APPLICATION” (for example, “SMITH EVS FIELD RESEARCH AWARD APPLICATION”)

Submission deadline:

1. All submissions must be received at evs@uncw.edu via email by **November 15, 2022 at 11:59 pm**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Notification of the award:

1. The winner of the Department of Environmental Sciences Field Research Award will receive notification via email from the Department of Environmental Sciences.
2. Acceptance of the Department of Environmental Sciences Field Research Award implies permission to post successful proposals and research on the Department of Environmental Science’s website as templates for future applicants, and permission to post a photo of the award recipient and an abstract of the research results on the Department website and classroom building video screens.

Reporting requirements

1. At the conclusion of the award period, the recipient of the Department of Environmental Sciences Field Research Award will provide a **brief** one-page executive summary of the research performed. This summary will include:
 - a) **Timeframe** of the research.
 - b) **Overview** of research completed.

- c) **Benefits** of the award funds in accomplishing the research.
- d) **Additional opportunities** which the award supported (e.g. conference attendance).
- e) What your **next steps** in the research are.
- f) Any **relevant media** (e.g. photographs of you in the field).

Questions

For questions regarding the Department of Environmental Sciences Field Research Award, please contact the Department of Environmental Sciences at evs@uncw.edu or 910-962-7675.