

Cofrin Center for Biodiversity Student Grant Application

Instructions

Please complete basic information about yourself below. Required fields in red. Then, submit your remaining materials separately via email (to biodiversity@uwgb.edu) as described in the "Call for Applications."

Project Title:

First Name:

Last Name:

Preferred Gender Pronouns:

Month/Year of Graduation:

Degree:

Major:

What is the name of your project advisor?

What grant(s) are you applying for? You may check all that apply. Descriptions of each grant on pages 2-3.

Cofrin Student Research Grant (\$2,500)

Krischan Grant for Botanical Research (\$250)

Friends of Toft Point Student Grant (\$500)

Roy and Charlotte Lukes Research Award (\$800)

Point au Sable/Wequiock Creek Grant (\$500)

Note: If fewer students apply for any grant listed above, except the Cofrin Student Research Grant, a student may receive additional funding when available and will be notified in their grant award letter on May 1.

Will you be observing vertebrate animals?

If so, you will need an IACUC Wildlife Waiver.

Will you be handling vertebrate animals?

If so, you will need an approved IACUC full proposal.

If you checked either box above about vertebrate animal-related project work, you will need to work with your advisor to apply for and obtain Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval before beginning your project.

Cofrin Center for Biodiversity Student Grant Descriptions

Cofrin Student Research Grant (\$2,500)

The proposed student project must take place at one or more of the six UW-Green Bay Natural Areas (Cofrin Memorial Arboretum, Kingfisher Farm, Peninsula Sanctuary, Point au Sable, Wequiock Creek, Toft Point) and/or involve work completed in the Fewless Herbarium or Richter Museum of Natural History. Projects may focus on any number of topics, including traditional scientific research from any discipline but may also focus on the arts, photography, mental health, wellness, equity/diversity/inclusion, history, outreach, education, etc. These grants are made possible thanks to a generous endowment from the family of Dr. David Cofrin and the late John Cofrin and to the late West Bend philanthropist Ron Horn who donated part of his estate to the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity. The student will be paid for a minimum of 133.3 hours of project-related work for an hourly wage of \$15/hr (= \$2,000 award). The remaining \$500 can be used for project supplies, equipment, mileage, or vehicle rentals or be used for additional student wages (at \$15/hr). If a project includes Kingfisher Farm Natural Area, the student will receive an additional \$250 for travel costs.

Krischan Grant for Botanical Research (\$250)

This grant is named in memory of Thomas Krischan, donated by his widowed wife. This grant supports students conducting botany-related research that supports management and conservation of Toft Point Natural Area. Projects must strive to increase botanical knowledge of plant species at Toft Point as their major goal. Acceptable topics include plant biodiversity surveys, invasive plant control, plant population genetics, microbial and mycorrhizal associations with plants, pollination, plant predation, plant competition, plant pathology, or similar topics. The student may use the awarded \$250 for project supplies, equipment, mileage, or vehicle rentals or can be used towards wages at \$15/hr.

Friends of Toft Point Student Grant (\$500)

The Friends of Toft Point Grant supports students conducting traditional ecological research, as well as research or activities that support the human dimensions of conservation at Toft Point Natural Area. Acceptable projects include traditional research in ecology, conservation biology, or biodiversity research, sociology, and archaeology as well as projects related to environmental history, literature, or art that support the management, history, aesthetic appreciation of Toft Point Natural Area. The student will be paid for a minimum of 20 hours of project-related work for an hourly wage of \$15/hr (= \$300 award). The remaining \$200 can be used for project supplies, equipment, mileage, or vehicle rentals or be used for additional student wages (at \$15/hr).

Roy and Charlotte Lukes Research Award (\$800)

The Roy and Charlotte Lukes Research Award is available to support conservation research in Door County, WI by an enrolled or employed UW-Green Bay student whose proposed project will involve student research conducted within the Door Peninsula Coastal Wetlands, designated in 2015 as a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance (which may or may not include Toft Point Natural Area). In addition to fostering original research on natural history, ecology, and biodiversity conservation of these important places, this annual award is intended to provide valuable hands-on research opportunities for students. This research award commemorates the important contributions to conservation and environmental education by Roy and Charlotte Lukes, two of Wisconsin's most influential and beloved naturalists. The award was created by a generous endowment from late West Bend philanthropist Ron Horn. The Roy and Charlotte Lukes Research Award extends the legacy and unselfish values that these two important Door County leaders have championed for >50 years. The student will be paid for a minimum of 33.3 hours of project-related work for an hourly wage of \$15/hr (= \$500 award). The remaining \$300 can be used for project supplies, equipment, mileage, or vehicle rentals or be used for additional student wages (at \$15/hr).

Point au Sable/Wequiock Creek Grant (\$500)

The proposed student project must involve the Point au Sable or Wequiock Creek Natural Area in some way, though the project may involve other locations. Like Cofrin Student Research Grants, projects may focus on any number of topics, including traditional scientific research from any discipline but may also focus on the arts, photography, mental health, wellness, equity/diversity/inclusion, history, outreach, education, etc. This funding is made possible thanks to a generous endowment from a group of Fox River businesses. The student will be paid for a minimum of 26.7 hours of project-related work for an hourly wage of \$15/hr (= \$400 award). The remaining \$100 can be used for project supplies, equipment, mileage, or vehicle rentals or be used for additional student wages (at \$15/hr).