



## Student Research Grant Request for Proposals

### About Midwest-Great Lakes (MWGL) SER Chapter

The [MWGL SER Chapter](#) was recognized as an SER Regional Chapter in March 2008 and serves Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Our mission is to promote the science and practice of ecological restoration to assist with the recovery and management of degraded ecosystems throughout the Midwestern and Great Lakes region of the United States.

### Student Research Grant

The purpose of the Student Research Grant is to encourage and support student involvement in research in ecological restoration that applies to the MWGL SER Chapter region. The MWGL SER chapter will award one grant of up to \$1,000 to an eligible student to be used for research supplies, travel, equipment and other needs. The award winner will be announced on the social media, will be invited to contribute to the chapter blog, and will be expected to present an oral or poster presentation on their research at the 2018 meeting.

### Application:

- **Student must be member of MWGL SER Chapter** <http://ser.org/membership>
- **Research Proposal** (3pgs) – Proposals should not exceed 3 pages (no smaller than 11pt font with 1” margins), including all text, figures and literature cited. Competitive proposals will have direct restoration applications and support the MWGL SER mission. Proposals should include the following:
  - *Introduction* – provide scientific justification and significance of the research and specify research questions, objectives or hypotheses
  - *Methods* – detail experimental design, site locations, data collection methods
  - *Anticipated Results & Discussion* – explain anticipated results and potential interpretation and address the application of the research results to ecological restoration.
  - *Literature Cited* – following the format of Restoration Ecology
- **Budget & Justification** (1pg) – this should include a detailed list of supplies with cost estimates and/or estimated travel mileage. A complete budget for the project should be included as well as a statement indicating acquired pending funding. MWGL will award up to \$1,000.
- **Letter of support** - from an advisor highlighting the student’s academic ability and accomplishments, the significance of the student’s research and their ability to complete the proposed project. This can be included with all application documents, or emailed separately directly from the advisor.

All application materials should be emailed as doc, docx or pdf files to: [mwgl.ser@gmail.com](mailto:mwgl.ser@gmail.com) with “Student Research Application” as the subject. Files should be named with the student’s last name and document. I.e. “Smith Proposal” or “Smith Budget”. Applicants should include their full name, institutional mailing address, email address and phone number in the body of the email.

**Application Deadline: May 5, 2017.** Awards will be announced by May 31, 2017.