



Student Research Grant - Request for Proposals

The [Society for Ecological Restoration Midwest-Great Lakes Chapter](#) (SER MWGL) was recognized as an SER Regional Chapter in March 2008 and serves Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. 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 within the regional boundaries of the SER MWGL Chapter. Student chapter members attending institutions of higher education within the regional boundaries are eligible to apply for the award. The Chapter will award one grant of up to \$1,000 to an eligible student to be used for research supplies, travel (for purposes of conducting research but excluding travel to the SER MWGL annual meeting), equipment and other needs. The award winner will be announced on the chapter blog (<https://restorationnewsmidwest.wordpress.com>) and the recipient will be expected to present an oral or poster presentation on their research at the 2019 Annual Chapter Meeting.

Application:

- **Eligibility**- all undergraduate and graduate students who are members of the SER Midwest-Great Lakes Chapter*
- **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 must have direct restoration applications and support the SER MWGL 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 how the results can be applied to further our understanding of the science and practice of 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 secured or anticipated pending funding. SER 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.

All application materials should be emailed as doc, docx, or pdf files to: mwgl.ser@gmail.com with “Student Research Application” as the subject. Applicants should include their full name, institutional mailing address, email address and phone number in the body of the email.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2018

*The SER student membership (\$25) includes membership in both SER and SER MWGL chapter. Associated benefits include the discounted registration prices at Annual Chapter Meetings and SER World Conferences, SER bi-monthly newsletter, 25% off Island Press publications, 35% off John Wiley & Son publications, and more. For additional information on membership see <http://www.ser.org/membership>