

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
STUDENT GRANTS & AWARDS COMMITTEE
BIOLOGY STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD
Request for Proposals: Jun 2020 – May 2021

The Student Grants and Awards Committee is pleased to announce requests for proposals for the Biology Student Research Award. The purpose of this award is to support student research by providing funds to a selected student or students for expenses associated with research and scholarship. Specifically, the student funds may be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies, publication costs, or travel. Funds will be granted directly to WCU Biology student(s) to perform their proposed research in the lab of a WCU Biology faculty member. Up to two awards of \$500 or less are available for the period from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.

Award criteria & deadlines

The criteria for the award will be scientific merit and the potential to advance student research. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The deadline for proposal submission is **5:00pm, Friday, March 6, 2020**. *Proposals should be emailed to the Student Grants & Awards Committee Chair, Dr. Jen Maresh (jmaresh@wcupa.edu).* Award announcements will be made by 5:00pm, Monday, March 9, 2020.

Award guidelines

Proposals must consist of the following sections and can be no more than two pages in length, with standard 12-point font and 1-inch margins:

Project description

- Background and significance
- Objectives
- Methods
- Expected results
- Dissemination of Results
- Timeline

The proposal must also include a separate budget and budget justification of no more than one page in length. The budget and its justification must clearly explain how funds will be used to support the proposed project. Allowable budget expenses include the purchase of equipment, supplies, publication costs, and travel.

Final report

Final reports detailing outcomes of funded projects are due to Dr. Jen Maresh by May 31, 2021.