

## BIOLOGY STUDENT INVESTIGATOR GRANT

### Statement of Purpose and Guidelines

#### **Applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM, November 22, 2021.**

Biology Student Investigator (BSI) grants are available to support student research. Any student engaged in independent research is eligible to apply although first preference will be given to students enrolled in a BIOL 498 or 499 (Independent Study or Honors Thesis).

To apply, you must submit a research plan with a budget. The budget may not include a stipend, but may include costs to attend, to prepare materials for presentation, or to travel to conferences helpful to your research efforts. If you are requesting funds to attend a conference, please attach a submitted abstract *or* copy of the registration form *or* meeting announcement. If this documentation is not yet available the letter from your faculty supervisor should describe meeting attendance plans.

The Application is submitted online through [this portal](#). The application will require you to upload a narrative, budget, budget justification, and a list of other funding received or applied for.

1. The Narrative should be no longer than 3 pages, 12 pt font, single spaced with one-inch margins. The bibliography should be attached to the narrative. The bibliography does **NOT** count against the three page limit. This document should be uploaded as a PDF.
2. The Budget should be completed using the [Budget Template](#). After you have completed the budget, save the form as a PDF and upload.
3. The Budget Justification can be an itemized list of expenses with each expense described, with unit cost, quantity and total indicated. E.g.
  - 6 vials reagent X @ \$3.00 vial (for experiment y), total = \$18.00
  - Roundtrip airfare (for National Conservation Biology Conference) BWI to SFO, \$560.00
  - Poster printing, MU Print Shop (for National Conservation Biology Conference), 36 x 48 poster, \$45.00

Each item in the budget justification should be listed in the budget and should have a clear relationship to the proposed project objectives. This document should be limited to 1 page and must be uploaded as a PDF.

4. Other Sources of funding. This document should be a list of grants or awards you have applied for to support the proposed project. E.g.
  - Neimyer-Hodgeson Research Award, \$750, Pending
  - Noonan Endowment Award, \$500, Awarded

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The Sponsored Programs Office will collect all applications and then forward them to the BSI Grant Committee for consideration. Selection will be based on the merits of the proposals. There is no minimum award, and the current maximum award will not exceed \$1,800. The proposals must be submitted by **Monday, November 22, 2021**. All inquiries and applications should be directed to Dr. Rene Munoz, Lyle345, 871- 4457 or by email [sponsored.programs@millersville.edu](mailto:sponsored.programs@millersville.edu).