



FRED CASE RESEARCH GRANT

HOW TO APPLY

There is no standardized application form; requests for funding must include the following:

- Name, address, phone number, e-mail address & date submitted. Provide contact info so you can be reached even if/when you are away from home or school.
- A short statement explaining your specific interest in native orchids.
- A concise project description (two page max.) which includes a summary. The description should include a statement describing the need for the project, it's location, objectives, hypotheses where appropriate, means of data collection and analysis methodology, who benefits (and how) from the research. Include names of other organizations involved. Highlight aspects of the work you believe to be most important and creative. State how the project will advance the knowledge of North America's native orchids. You may wish to include brief but relevant references to published literature within the two page description.
- The application must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation (one page max.) from a sponsor (e.g. an academic supervisor or major professor).
- Proposed project schedule. Regardless of project length, grants will be made annually.
- Project budget; summarize how NOC grant funds will be used. NOC encourages applicants to seek additional funding elsewhere. Show how such additional funds relate to the overall budget.
- Preference will be given to proposals in which the majority of expenses funded by the Case Grant relate exclusively to the specific proposed study as opposed to acquisition of computers or equipment and general travel expenses within a larger project budget. Tuition or conference registration expenses are not acceptable uses of the NOC grant.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Funding requests must be received by the Grant Committee Chair by March 31st.
- Requests for funding must be submitted in writing and by electronic mail.
- The Grant Committee will review the applications and determine the winner(s). Winners will be announced at the annual NOC symposium.
- At the end of the academic year to which the grant is applied, grant winners will provide an accounting of the use of grant funds, submit an article for the Native Orchid Conference Journal and/or give a presentation of their work at an NOC symposium.

Email applications and direct any questions to Doug Martin, Case Grant Committee Chair:
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