

Call for Applications: Graduate Research, Training & Travel Awards

Application deadline: Friday, February 24, 2023

Purpose

These small awards are intended to support research, training and travel expenses for Brown PhD graduate students conducting environmental research across the physical sciences, life sciences, social sciences, and/or humanities.

Eligibility

The award competition is open to all graduate students enrolled at Brown University, with a current IBES affiliation. To be eligible for funding, affiliated students must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Be currently enrolled in PhD-level graduate studies at Brown University.
- 2) Conduct environmental research that fits within IBES's mission to understand natural, human and social systems.
- 3) Have expenses that will be reimbursed before Dec 31, 2023, or (with permission) absolutely no later than June 28, 2024 - no extensions will be provided.
- 4) Have the support of their graduate advisor in applying for funding; note that advisors will be asked to provide a short nomination letter.

Budget

Requests for up to \$5,000 in funding will be considered. Award may not be spent on graduate student salary or consulting.

Travel

Make sure to review [CDC guidelines](#) for travel while planning your trip, and check back in on while you are away. Those traveling out of the country should register for Brown's [Global TravelSafe](#). Also make sure to stay up to date on [US Department of State travel advisories](#).

How to Apply

Send a proposal that includes the following elements:

1. Provide your research topic/title
2. A brief description (1-2 paragraphs) of the background context for the project (or project to be presented at a scientific conference). This paragraph should describe the general problem or question being addressed and why that problem or question is interesting and important for environmental research.
3. A brief description (1-2 paragraphs) of the general approach to be employed and the anticipated results or products that will be developed from this work. Specify what will result from the proposed activities and how that contributes to your overall research plans (or a larger research project). Be sure to describe how your proposed work will provide intellectual advances to your field of study.
4. A simple budget that lists the specific items being requested for funding and that justifies those expenses.
5. The name and email contact of your graduate advisor.

The primary proposal text should be no longer than one page (with 11 point font and one-inch margins), with the budget and budget justification placed on a second page. **Proposal text should be written in clear, concise, and non-technical language for an interdisciplinary review panel.**

Send your application as a PDF to jeannel@brown.edu, with the subject line "Graduate RT&T Award Application". Upon receipt of your proposal, your faculty advisor will be contacted to solicit additional input on the project or activity. Questions: please contact Jeanne Loewenstein (jeannel@brown.edu).