

Application Directions

Division of Natural Areas Grant-in-Aid of Research Program

The Division of Natural Areas Grant-in-Aid of Research Program is designed to help fund student research, all forms of art, and other non-research projects at EKU's three natural areas: Maywoods Environmental and Education Laboratory, Lilley Cornett Woods Appalachian Ecological Research Station, and Taylor Fork Ecological Area. Funding is available for students from any academic institution to conduct research that includes our sites in the study design. To find out more about these areas go to www.naturalareas.eku.edu.

Applications should include a [cover page](#), project description, and budget with justification (see below). Additionally, a brief letter of support from the faculty mentor should be submitted directly by the mentor. Materials should be submitted electronically to the Division of Natural Areas Director, Dr. Stephen Richter (stephen.richter@eku.edu). The cover page can be scanned and emailed as a PDF or mailed to the EKU Division of Natural Areas, 3106 New Science Building, 521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, KY 40475.

Project Description should be limited to five pages, not including the literature cited, doubled-spaced, and in 12-point font. Components include:

- Title
- Introduction and rationale, including statement of objectives
- Methods, including data collection and analysis techniques
- Proposed dissemination methods (KAS presentation, KAEE poster, manuscripts, etc.)
- Literature cited

Budget and Justification should be limited to one page (single-spaced acceptable).

Anticipated range of budget request should be between \$100 and \$500. Funds can be used for supplies, lab expenses, equipment, and travel to the natural areas. Funds may not be used for salaries, wages, conference expenses, or publication costs. Non-consumable supplies/equipment will become the property of EKU Division of Natural Areas. Itemized budget should include detailed explanation, total cost of all items, funds to be provided by other sources, and funds requested from Grant-in-Aid of Research program. Match from other sources is encouraged and will strengthen the proposal.

Required Final Products

Within one calendar year following the beginning of the grant award (or at a time agreed upon with the Director), awardees will submit a final report, a poster or oral presentation in the format for a professional meeting, a list of oral/poster presentations, and data collected from our natural areas. All will be submitted electronically to the Director. Format for the final report should follow that of a journal in the awardee's field of study and include Introduction, Methods, Results with tables and figures, Discussion, and Literature Cited. Additionally, awardees are requested to present a short (10–12 minute) presentation at the annual Natural Areas Board meeting. Commitment to a presentation (poster or oral) at an appropriate venue in the investigator's field of study will strengthen the proposal.