Biology and Society Unusual Student Project
Proposal Guidelines

Who is eligible?
Undergraduate Biology and Society majors and Biology and Society or History and Philosophy of Science Graduate Students doing research or an independent project.

What does this funding support?
The Biology and Society Unusual Student Project provides modest funding in support of creative or unique research projects. Examples of funding could include: travel to an archive or museum, travel or equipment for field research, research supplies, etc... Typically the award will not exceed $500 for undergraduate and $1000 for graduate students.

What is the process?
Submit completed proposals to the Center for Biology and Society, LSC 284. There is no deadline for submission, so proposals are reviewed as they come in.

What are the selection criteria?
Clear and compelling proposals will define what the project is (including the topic, the questions to be asked, the thesis/hypothesis, methods, and explanation of the “biology” and the “society” involved) and why it matters.

We will be looking at the format, presentation (is everything clear and logical), content (is the project realistic, original, and likely to come up with results), and does the proposal address the “so what” question (does it capture our imaginations and explain why this matters or what difference it would make to know whatever is being proposed).

The proposal must also contain a detailed budget with justification and signed letter of support from your research advisor or mentor.
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Application

Name: ____________________________________________

Name of Research Project: ____________________________________________

ASU ID: ____________________________ Current Year: ____________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________ E-mail: ______________________________

Number of Hours Completed at ASU and Cumulative GPA: ____________________________

Total Amount of Funding Sought: ____________________________

What other research funding do you have or are applying for? ____________________________________________

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ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION:

1. One page essay (or 314 prospectus for undergraduate applicants) explaining the following:
   • Thesis or hypothesis
   • Brief project description
   • Methods
   • Impact/importance on the project
   • What will the funding allow that couldn’t have happened otherwise

2. Detailed budget with justification.

3. Signed letter of support from your research advisor or mentor.

Advisor’s Name: ____________________________ Advisor’s Signature: ____________________________

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Director’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________