

Biology and Society

Unusual Student Projects Grant Proposal Guidelines

Limit of \$500

Who is eligible?

Undergraduate Biology and Society majors who are doing research or an independent project, and who will be enrolled as a student during the completion of the project are eligible for this award.

What are these grant awards?

The Biology and Society Unusual Student Project Fund provides modest funding to a maximum of \$500 to support aspects of projects that would not be possible otherwise. Examples of projects needing funding include: travel to a library or museum, costs of surveys or interviews including travel where necessary, costs of acquiring research materials that ASU does not have, support for travel or equipment for field research, or other expenses related to research. We anticipate awarding at least two and up to five awards per year, depending on the level of requests.

What is the process?

Students submit proposals to the Center for Biology and Society in LSC 284 following the format attached.

There is no deadline for submission, so we will view the proposals as they come in and recommendations will be made about which ones should be funded. The Center for Biology and Society will make final decisions, based on funds available and on the amounts requested in each proposal.

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 (are all the parts there), 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 contain a detailed budget with justification, however, this will not be a criterion for selection and will be finalized in consultation with the faculty members.

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Unusual Student Projects Grant Application

Name: _____

Name of Project: _____

ASU ID: _____ Current Year: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of Hours Completed at ASU and Cumulative GPA: _____

Total Amount of Funding Sought (\$500 limit): _____

What other research funds do you have available, if any? _____

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

1. One page essay (or 314 prospectus) 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 mentor.

Signature

Date

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<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Approved</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Denied</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Requires More Information</i>
<i>Director's Signature:</i>	<i>Date:</i>	
<i>Comments:</i>		