

Request For Proposals

2017

Regional Science Consortium Mini-Grant Program

Supported by Presque Isle Partnership and PA Sea Grant

Goals and Objectives

The objective of this program is to promote research at Presque Isle State Park, its surrounding waters, and Erie Bluffs State Park by undergraduate and graduate students.

General Information

This is a *Request for Proposals* for scientific research projects conducted at Presque Isle State Park, its surrounding waters, and Erie Bluffs State Park. Presque Isle State Park and Erie Bluffs State Park are known for their unique ecosystems, wildlife, and geography. Proposals should be research oriented and topics may include, but are not limited to: biology, ecology, geosciences, chemistry, or environmental science. Undergraduate and graduate students with a faculty advisor are eligible to apply. Prior to starting the project, all necessary permits must be obtained, including a permit through Presque Isle State Park.

Grant proposals should be no more than 3 pages, 1" margins, and 12 pt. Times New Roman font. The first page should include faculty and student name, contact information, and affiliation. Proposals should include: title, background information, purpose and importance, objectives, clear methods (including locations), and a detailed budget. Budget may include supplies, equipment, student compensation, and student travel.

Proposal Submission

Grant Proposals should be received by 11:59 PM EST on March 15, 2017. Proposals can be submitted via email to: Jeanette@RegSciConsort.com. You will be emailed a notification if your proposal is successfully received.

Award Information

Anticipated funding is \$10,000.00 for approximately 4-8 projects ranging in amounts up to \$2,500.00. This program does not allow for any administrative support or indirect costs. Matching funds are not required, but may be included on proposal.

Projects should be completed in 12-18 months. A final report is required within one year of the completion of the project. The students are required to present their research at the annual Regional Science Consortium Research Symposium at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center. Any publications from the project will be required to acknowledge the Regional Science Consortium as well as any other sponsors of this Mini-Grant Program.

Important Dates

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| March 15 | Proposals Due |
| April 7 (<i>tentative</i>) | Grants Awards Announced |
| November 8-10 | Regional Science Consortium Symposium |