The University of Kansas Field Station (KUFS), a unit of the Kansas Biological Survey, has funding available to encourage field-based research by KU undergraduate and graduate students at our field station and/or within the state of Kansas during 2016.

**What is the University of Kansas Field Station?** The KU Field Station is an area dedicated to scholarly research, environmental education, and science-based stewardship of natural resources. It consists of 1376 hectares (3400 acres) including diverse habitats—prairies, forests, managed fields, wetlands, ponds, reservoirs—and specialized research facilities (e.g., laboratory buildings, greenhouse, gardens, experimental ponds, environmental monitoring sites). Many of our terrestrial and aquatic habitats are open to manipulative studies. KU Field Station data resources are offered to support research/scholarly activity, and field staff members are available to facilitate research or project implementation. See biosurvey.ku.edu/field-station for details.

**Awards Offered for 2016**

**KUFS Small Grants (several $300-500 awards):** These awards are for undergraduate and graduate students who will conduct some portion of her/his field-based research at KUFS in 2016.

**KUFS Undergraduate Student Research Award (one $1,000 award):** This award is for a meritorious undergraduate student who will conduct some portion of her/his field-based research at KUFS in 2016.

**Mari F. Pesek Graduate Research Award (one $1,000 award):** This award is for a meritorious graduate student who will conduct her/his field-based research at KUFS and/or within the state of Kansas in 2016. This is the only award of the three that does not specifically require some portion of the research to be conducted at KUFS proper. Field-based research anywhere in Kansas is encouraged.

**What is the application procedure?** The application procedure is identical for all three awards. Please submit the following by 5:00 p.m. April 22: 1) a 1 to 2-page summary of the proposed research that includes a project title and a brief description of the objectives, methods, expected products, and significance of the proposed work; 2) a curriculum vitae; and 3) a letter of reference/support from your graduate advisor, or for undergraduate students, a KU faculty advisor. Previous grant recipients may apply, but preference may be given to those who have not received funding in the past. Applications should be submitted to: Brandy Hildreth Baranski, Kansas Biological Survey, Takeru Higuchi Building, 2101 Constant Ave., Lawrence, KS 66047-3759 (hildreth@ku.edu, phone 785-864-1500).

We will notify all applicants of funding decisions in late April. Awardees will receive a lump sum amount in July 2016. Awardees must agree to follow guidelines for conducting research at the KU Field Station, submit a 1-page report of research findings and present the results of their work at an informal seminar in the 2016-2017 academic year at the University of Kansas.

**Special research opportunities at the KU Field Station:** We encourage a diversity of research projects at the KU Field Station. In addition to ecological studies, other research or scholarly activity focused on the KU Field Station is of interest: geology, geography, history, architecture, engineering, economics, education, and other areas. We advise interested individuals to contact the KU Field Station for more details about the site, facilities, and possible research opportunities (email: W. Dean Kettle, kettle@ku.edu).

*Funds may be used for travel, supplies, equipment or personal expenses*