2015 SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS FIELD STATION

The University of Kansas Field Station, a unit of the Kansas Biological Survey, has funding available for a limited number of small grants ($300-$500) to encourage undergraduate and graduate student research at our field station during 2015.

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.

Who can apply? Undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Kansas.

What is the application procedure? Please submit the following by 5:00 p.m. April 22: 1) a 1-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 1-page budget* that identifies the amount of money requested and how it will be used; 3) a curriculum vitae; and 4) 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 2015. Awardees must agree to follow guidelines for conducting research at the KU Field Station, and to present the results of their work at an informal seminar in the 2015-2016 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, and equipment. Salaries are not funded.