

2020 ANNUAL SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Rice Creek Associates (RCA) is a citizen support group that aims to further the mission of the of **Rice Creek Field Station (RCFS)**. The mission of RCFS is to deliver a coherent, field-oriented program of academic instruction, research, and service in support of the instructional and research needs of SUNY Oswego faculty and students, and in response to the needs of the regional scientific and educational community and the public at large.

To meet these goals, RCA invites proposals from scholars, scientists, educators and students for the 2020 Rice Creek Associates Small Grants Program.

Located about 1.5 miles south of Lake Ontario and the main campus, RCFS properties include approximately 300 acres of varied habitats in various stages of succession with open fields, mature forests, and wetlands. The property is bisected by Rice Creek and 30 acres Rice Pond. Facilities include a weather station, labs, classrooms, a library, collection storage, small boats and the property as a natural outdoor laboratory. Lodging is available on main campus.

Proposals oriented toward basic and applied research in field biology, the natural sciences, social sciences, physics, atmospheric and geological sciences, arts, communication, education, and/or service projects will be considered.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants do not need to be affiliated with RCFS or SUNY Oswego. To be eligible, a significant portion of the project should be done at Rice Creek Field Station. Special consideration will be given to projects that strengthen the RCFS mission.

FUNDING:

Most awards will be between \$500 and \$3,000. Grant funds may be used for supplies, equipment, publication costs or secretarial support, stipends, and travel. Additional funds may be available at the discretion of the RCA Board of Directors. No indirect costs will be considered. No more than 5% of the awarded funds should be spent outside its original proposed intent. RCA strongly encourages grant applicants to seek matching funds from appropriate sources. Proposals that further inter-departmental and external partnerships are preferred. Areas of special interest are proposals that help increase the past and current knowledge of the ecological processes at Rice Creek Field Station.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: Send a single pdf file to kamal.mohamed@oswego.edu and maria.sagot@oswego.edu with the subject line "RCA Small Grants Proposal"

Proposals are due by Monday 20 April 2020. Awards will be announced approx. Monday 4 May 2020.

REQUIRED CONTENT OF PROPOSALS

Proposals should consist of the sections described below and the résumé/CV of the applicant(s). Summary CVs should be used by faculty and not to exceed 2-pages. The proposal should include the following sections:

- 1. Title page:** The title should summarize the proposal concisely.
- 2. Abstract:** One paragraph summarizing the scope of the project in lay terminology,
- 3. Justification:** Indicate the rationale for the project. Include a review of literature, if relevant, to show your clear understanding of the subject matter and understanding of related work,
- 4. Goal and Objectives:** Clearly and succinctly state what will be accomplished, the goal should be singular with clear objectives detailing how the goal will be met

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5. **Methods:** Indicate the steps and techniques that will be followed, the experimental research design or project management plans and expected data sources,
6. **Timeline:** Indicate by month the timeline to completion of the project,
7. **Personnel:** Describe the role of study participants,
8. **Deliverables:** Detail how the project will further the educational and scientific mission of Rice Creek Field Station,
9. **Literature Cited:** APA format preferred, and
10. **Budget:** The budget should be itemized and include:
 - A. A detailed description of the amount requested from RCA.
 - B. Matching funds applied (if applicable).

Proposals may be of any length necessary to describe the proposed project but may not exceed 10 pages double-spaced, Time New Roman 12 font, excluding cover page and résumé/CV

PROPOSAL REVIEW:

All proposals will be reviewed by the Small Grant Review Committee of Rice Creek Associates. The Board of Directors of Rice Creek Associates will make the final determination of awards. The Small Grant Review Committee and/or the Board of Directors of RCA may solicit peer review. **Applicants may suggest internal and external reviewers.**

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