Research Grants

Opsansus Fund provides small grants to facilitate research. Grants are dependent on available funding and are generally less than $2,000.

Eligibility

To be eligible for grants from Opsanus Fund, applicants must be currently enrolled as a graduate student at a U.S. university.

The research proposed must be related to Opsanus Fund's mission:

Opsanus Fund exists to advance the use of acoustic monitoring as a tool for monitoring ecosystem health, conservation, and education.

Examples of potential projects include acoustic monitoring of understudied species or ecosystems, or comparative analyses providing data on the effects of human activity. This is not exhaustive, and if you have questions regarding your potential proposal, contact Opsanus Fund at the email below.

Funding must be used to directly support research. Funding cannot be used to pay for travel associated with attending conferences or meetings, or to pay for publication fees.

Funding will be provided directly to grant recipients and cannot be used to pay for university overhead or administrative fees.

Requirements

Within one year of receipt, funding recipients will be required to write a short report describing how the funding contributed to their research, any scientific achievements, and a description of the results with figures, as applicable.

Funding recipients are also asked to contribute a recording in .wav format as a superlative example of what was recorded (e.g., animal call, soundscapes, etc.).

Funding recipients are strongly encouraged to submit the results of their research for publication within a peer-reviewed journal. A submitted manuscript may be provided in place of the report described previously.

Applying

To apply, email the following documents to grants@opsanus.org with the subject line "Research Grant - LASTNAME". Required documents:

1. Cover page which includes name of applicant, university or school currently enrolled at, program type (e.g., undergraduate, master's, doctoral), expected degree name,and expected graduation year.

2. Description of the project including proposed methods and research aims. This should not exceed three pages.

3. Simple budget. If the project requires funding through other sources (e.g., other grants), you do not need to list costs associated with those sources but you must specify whether this other funding is in hand.

4. Letter of recommendation from supervising researcher. Letter of recommendation must affirm that the applicant is currently enrolled as a graduate student or is a senior in an undergraduate program.

Assessing Submissions

Research grant submissions are reviewed for quality of the application, scientific novelty, value added by the grant, and other relevant criteria.