Small Grants for Graduate Student/PostDoc Research Funding: 2017 ND-LEEF Request for Proposals

The Notre Dame Environmental Change Initiative’s (ND-ECI) Linked Experimental Ecosystem Facility (ND-LEEF) is accepting proposals for new research at ND-LEEF for the 2017 field season. We welcome proposals for both aquatic and terrestrial research from graduate students and postdocs that effectively and creatively use the facilities at ND-LEEF. A list and description of the research facilities at ND-LEEF can be found at http://ntrda.me/2kGuuJF. We encourage all new research that expands the use of ND-LEEF but please note that as part of our cooperative agreement with St. Joseph County Parks (SJCP), invasive species cannot be introduced to ND-LEEF, and experiments must not result in the discharge of any harmful pollutants from the ND-LEEF site.

As part of ECI and ND-LEEF’s commitment to outreach, each grant recipient will have a short video (created with the assistance of ECI staff) interpreting their research for a lay audience. Videos will be displayed on the new touch-screen display at the ND-LEEF Education and Outreach Pavilion.

Duration of projects: We prefer projects with a start of Spring 2017 and no later than September 1, 2017, although strong proposals should show potential to deliver high impact results quickly. Funding duration is one year.

Budget and Awards: Proposal budgets should be a maximum of $1,500.

Due Date for Proposals: 5:00 PM March 3rd, 2017. Submit proposals to Brett Peters at bpeters2@nd.edu

Proposal Evaluation and Timeline: Proposals will be reviewed by an ad hoc panel of ND faculty with final decisions made by the ND-LEEF assistant director, and the ND-ECI Director with the advice of the ND-LEEF Advisory Board.

Proposal Required Elements: Please describe your proposed research in <3 pages, including a short budget, using the headings and order below:

1. Title, lead investigator and other investigators (all with departmental affiliation in parentheses)
2. Goal and/or questions to be addressed
3. Importance of topic
4. Likely impact and influence in the research community
5. Goals and mechanisms for translation of products to management or policy
6. Approach and methods
7. A timeline of activities and deliverables
8. Budget and other resources needed in each category below.
   a. Personnel (Student or Technician)
   b. Supplies/Equipment
   c. Travel