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Small Grants for Graduate Student/PostDoc Research Funding: 2020 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 2020 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 <https://tinyurl.com/satzaw>. 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 must create a short video 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. Examples can be seen at: <https://tinyurl.com/y9v3q6zz>

Duration of projects: Projects should start in spring 2020 and no later than September 1, 2020. We will prioritize strong proposals that show potential to deliver high impact results within the one year funding period. Funding duration is one year.

Budget and Awards: Waived User Fees and up to \$1,500 for supplies.

Due Date for Proposals: 5:00 PM on April 3rd, 2020. Submit proposals to Brett Peters at bpeters2@nd.edu

Proposal Evaluation and Timeline: Proposals will be reviewed by an *ad hoc* committee of ND faculty with final decisions made by the ND-LEEF Assistant Director and the ND-ECI Director.

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. Approach and methods
5. A timeline of activities and deliverables
6. Budget and other resources needed in each category: Supplies/Equipment, Travel