

## **2024 SWAAG Student Summer Field Award Solicitation**

SWAAG invites students in the SWAAG region to submit applications for the **2024 SWAAG Student Summer Field Award**. The main purpose of the award is to help defray students' travel and resource expenses related to their field research and creative activities in the summer of 2024. Awards will be between **\$250 and \$350**, with exact amounts depending on the number of applications received and funds requested. We can currently offer a maximum of **\$2,000** to support all awardees.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Applicant is enrolled as an undergraduate, master's, or doctoral student at a SWAAG institution.
- Applicant has not previously received a SWAAG Student Summer Field Award.

### **Application Submission Process**

- Complete the application form below and submit it by **Friday, 19 April 2024, 11:59 pm Mountain Time** via email to the SWAAG Treasurer, Michaela Buenemann ([elabuen@nmsu.edu](mailto:elabuen@nmsu.edu)). Include "SWAAG Student Summer Field Scholarship – [Your Name]" in the subject line of your email.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applications arriving after the deadline will not be considered.

### **Application Evaluation Process**

- Non-student SWAAG Board members and two external reviewers from the SWAAG region will evaluate the proposals using the rubric on the last page of this document.
- Applicants will be notified regarding award decisions by 3 May 2024.

### **Post-Award Report**

- Award recipients are required to submit a short report (500 ±100 words) with visuals (e.g., photos) detailing their use of funds and how the funds contributed to their summer field research and creative activities. The report is due to the SWAAG Treasurer by Monday, 30 September 2024, 11:50 pm Mountain Time.

### **Questions?**

Please contact the SWAAG Treasurer.

# 2024 SWAAG Student Summer Field Award Application Form

## Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Information

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### Description:

State (max. 1,000 words) your project's problem, objectives/hypotheses/questions, methodology, materials, methods, and expected significance. If your project requires IRB, IACUC, or other approval, describe your plans for securing this approval.

**Cited References:**

Provide a list (max. 1,000 words) of all references cited in the project description. Use a proper and consistent citation style throughout.

**Budget Statement:**

Describe (max. 500 words) how you intend to use the award to offset expenses related to travel or resources such as data, software, or equipment. Your statement should explicitly link these expenses to the activities detailed in your project description. Additionally, if you have received other funding for your summer field research or creative endeavors, provide details of this support.

## 2024 SWAAG Student Summer Field Award Application Rubric

Criteria	Ratings		
	Excellent	Good	Unclear
Project information			
Project title <sup>1</sup>	5 to ≥ 4.5 pts	< 4.5 to ≥ 4 pts	< 4 pts
Problem statement <sup>2</sup>	5 to ≥ 4.5 pts	< 4.5 to ≥ 4 pts	< 4 pts
Objectives, hypotheses, and/or questions <sup>3</sup>	5 to ≥ 4.5 pts	< 4.5 to ≥ 4 pts	< 4 pts
Methodology <sup>4</sup>	5 to ≥ 4.5 pts	< 4.5 to ≥ 4 pts	< 4 pts
Materials and methods <sup>5</sup>	5 to ≥ 4.5 pts	< 4.5 to ≥ 4 pts	< 4 pts
Significance <sup>6</sup>	5 to ≥ 4.5 pts	< 4.5 to ≥ 4 pts	< 4 pts
Cited references <sup>7</sup>	5 to ≥ 4.5 pts	< 4.5 to ≥ 4 pts	< 4 pts
Budget statement <sup>8</sup>	10 to ≥ 9 pts	< 9 to ≥ 8 pts	< 8 pts
Form <sup>9</sup>	5 to ≥ 4.5 pts	< 4.5 to ≥ 4 pts	< 4 pts
	50 to ≥ 45 pts	< 45 to ≥ 40 pts	< 40 pts

<sup>1</sup> For full points, the title is clear, concise, and relevant.

<sup>2</sup> For full points, the problem statement explains what intellectual knowledge gaps and/or societal issues exist that motivate the objectives, hypotheses, and/or questions. It helps the evaluators understand why they should care about the proposed research.

<sup>3</sup> For full points, the research objectives, hypotheses, and/or questions are well-defined. They help fill the gaps and/or address the issues noted in the problem statement.

<sup>4</sup> For full points, the methodology is sound. Methodology refers to the design of a study and addresses the conceptual rationale for which materials and methods are used and how.

<sup>5</sup> For full points, the materials and methods are suitable to address the stated objectives, hypotheses, and/or questions. Materials refers to the types of data and other resources included in the study. Methods refers to the techniques used to collect and analyze the materials.

<sup>6</sup> For full points, the significance of the proposed research addresses the intellectual merit and/or broader impacts of the proposed work. Intellectual merit refers to the potential of your work to advance knowledge. Broader impacts relate to the potential of your work to advance desired societal outcomes.

<sup>7</sup> For full points, the cited references are relevant to the proposed project, authoritative, and properly and consistently formatted.

<sup>8</sup> For full points, the budget statement is a concise yet comprehensive description of how award money would be used to offset expenses related to travel or resources such as data, software, or equipment. The statement explicitly links these expenses to the activities detailed in the project description. Additionally, the statement outlines any additional support the applicant received for 2024 summer field research or creative endeavors.

<sup>9</sup> For full points, the application contains minimal, if any, textual errors.