



CES-USGS Research Support Program 2021 Application Instructions

Application Review Process

CES will coordinate the application reviews with a team of USGS scientists, agency experts and FAU faculty.

Application Instructions

Applications must be submitted online by midnight on Sunday, April 11, 2021 via this Google form: <https://forms.gle/XPoGwS88jAwvG8LS8>. Applications not meeting the deadline or format guidelines will not be reviewed. Please complete the Google form questions and upload the application as a PDF using the guidelines below.

Please indicate in your application if your proposed research will not begin until fall 2021, and it will be taken into consideration, based on the applicant pool.

Application Format

Application proposals must be single-spaced, with a font size no smaller than 11 point; minimum 1-inch margins; tables and figure legends may be in 10 point. Please do not submit appendices or other supplementary documents.

The entire application proposal must be submitted as one PDF document with the following name format: *Student Last Name-Research Support Application-Summer2021*. Please answer the questions in the Google form and upload your application package PDF here: <https://forms.gle/XPoGwS88jAwvG8LS8>.

Application Components:

1. Project Summary /Abstract

Briefly summarize the proposed project and/or research (not to exceed 500 words).

2. Project Narrative

Please provide a detailed description of the proposed research project, the significance of the research, and the potential benefits to Everglades restoration research, decision-making and/or natural resource management.

(Maximum six pages, including references and figures/tables.)

The project narrative must follow this outline:

- A. **Introduction and Background:** Provide an overview of the research project, including a clear statement of the problem/challenge and the objectives of your research project.
- B. **Intellectual Merit:** Provide a brief statement regarding the intellectual merit of the proposed activity. Why is it needed? Important? Use literature on existing research to support your proposal.
- C. **Methodology:** Provide a brief description of the methodology to be used to conduct this research. Projects must include a description of the work to be done, the available resources to conduct the research, and a plan for carrying it out. Note if any laboratory analyses and/or fieldwork is needed, and the time needed for these activities.

- D. **Anticipated Results and Deliverables:** Describe the anticipated results of the project and how they fit into any larger, long-term research plan. What aspects of this project benefit Everglades restoration research, decision-making, and/or natural resource management?
- E. **Project Timeline:** Include a timeline indicating the timing of accomplishments and deliverables each semester.
- F. **Facilities:** List all facilities and/or equipment being used or needed for the project.
- G. **References:** Use the publishing citation conventions of your discipline for each reference cited in the narrative.
- H. **Tables and Figures**

3. Letter of Support

Please provide a letter of support from your faculty advisor and other potential collaborators, if applicable. It is highly recommended that applicants seek a potential USGS scientist for guidance and collaboration, and if possible, include their letter of support.

4. CV

Provide your current curriculum vitae (two-page maximum).

For questions, please email MaryBeth Hartman Kerber at mhartman@fau.edu. The email's subject line should read "CES-USGS Research Support Program Application".

