

Research Funding for Conservation Studies

Scope of projects: The range of funding (\$1,500-2,000) reflects the scope of activities that support scientific research, interpretive engagement, or artistic exploration related to at least one habitat, organism of concern, or conservation issue represented on at least one of our four properties (Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Nichols Arboretum, Mud Lake Bog, and Horner-McLaughlin Woods). In addition, projects related to sustainable food systems, the Campus Farm, or other issues fundamental to the Sustainable Food Systems Initiative may be considered. These funds can be for individual or team projects, and are especially appropriate for students engaged in an honor's thesis or project, master's practicum or thesis, or doctoral dissertation. Current funding priorities include:

- understanding or interpreting key species' natural history;
- promoting the preservation of biodiversity and/or awareness of rare and endangered species;
- managing / restoring culturally or ecologically significant landscapes;
- promoting sustainable food systems.

Interested students should submit a short statement of no more than 150 words outlining their proposed project and approximate budget. Submit your statement as a Word or pdf document to Dr. David Michener: michener@umich.edu. After review, projects of mutual interest may be invited to apply.

Award range: \$1,500 - \$2,000.