

2014 SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS FIELD STATION

The University of Kansas Field Station, a unit of the Kansas Biological Survey, has funding available for small grants (\$300 - \$500) to encourage undergraduate and graduate student research at our field station during 2014.

What is the University of Kansas Field Station? The KU Field Station consists of 1376 hectares (3400 acres) of land located within a 20-60 minute drive of Lawrence, Kansas. Included at the site are diverse habitats (e.g., prairies, forests, wetlands, ponds, lakes) and specialized research facilities (e.g., laboratory buildings, greenhouse, replicated sets of experimental ponds, long-term experimental site for study of habitat fragmentation). The KU Field Station has three field staff members to assist researchers and many databases (for example, fauna and flora lists, weather data, GIS data). See www.kufs.ku.edu for more details.

Who can apply? We encourage applications from: 1) faculty who are interested in sponsoring undergraduate student research, and 2) graduate students.

What is the application procedure? Please submit the following by 5:00 p.m. **April 11:** 1) a 1-page summary of the proposed research that includes a project title and a brief description of the objectives, methods, expected products, and significance of the proposed work; 2) a 1-page budget* that identifies the amount of money requested and how it will be used; 3) a *curriculum vitae*; and 4) for graduate students, a letter of reference from your graduate advisor. Previous grant recipients may apply, but preference may be given to those who have not received funding in the past. Applications should be submitted to: Jennifer Delisle, Kansas Biological Survey, Takeru Higuchi Building, 2101 Constant Ave., Lawrence, KS 66047-3759 (jdelisle@ku.edu, phone 785-864-1538, FAX 785-864-1534).

We will notify all applicants in late April. **In most cases funds will be available after July 1 2014.** Successful applicants will agree to discuss the specifics of their research plan with the KU Field Station associate director, to acknowledge the KU Field Station in publications resulting from their work, and to present the results of their work at an informal research seminar in the 2014-2015 academic year at the University of Kansas.

Special research opportunities at the KU Field Station: We encourage a diversity of research projects at the KU Field Station. Successful grant applications may therefore be an extension of the researcher's previous work at other locations. We also encourage use of particular KU Field Station facilities or tracts of land: experimental pond facilities for addressing questions in aquatic biology and fisheries biology; Cross Reservoir (a 3-ha lake) for addressing questions in deeper aquatic habitats; the habitat fragmentation facility (a research site studied since 1984 examining succession in an experimentally fragmented environment); native and reseeded prairie sites; the Baldwin Woods (high quality eastern deciduous woodlands), and the Anderson County Prairie Preserve. Many of our terrestrial and aquatic habitats are open to manipulative studies. In addition to ecological studies, other research or scholarly activity focused on the KU Field Station is encouraged: history, architecture, engineering, environmental economics, and other areas. **We advise interested researchers to contact the KU Field Station for more details about the site, facilities, and possible research opportunities (email: Dean Kettle, kettle@ku.edu).**

*Funds may be used for travel, supplies, and equipment. Salaries are not funded.