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Ottawa Field-Naturalist's Club (OFNC) Research Grants

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The OFNC has established a fund to support field-based research activities that reflect and promote the Club's objectives within eastern Ontario or western Quebec, focused particularly upon the Club's study area – inside the 50 km radius from the Peace Tower in Ontario or Quebec.

The objectives of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club are:

- To promote the appreciation, preservation, and conservation of Canada's natural heritage;
- To encourage investigation, publish the results of research in all fields of natural history, and diffuse the information as widely as possible;
- To support and cooperate with organizations engaged in preserving, maintaining or restoring environments of high quality for living things.

Deadline for proposal submission: 15 January 2018.

Available Funding:

It is expected that grants will typically range from \$1000–\$3000.

Eligibility:

Individuals, including students conducting research for their degrees, postdoctoral fellows, professors, research scientists and independent researchers.

Types of Research Supported:

Research projects must be credibly science-based and with a measureable outcome. Given the club's focus on natural history, field-based projects are favoured.

Use of Funds:

Grants may be used for legitimate field-related expenses including travel, accommodation, food, equipment and supplies, etc. Grants may not be used for salary. Only a small portion of funds may be used for publication costs and/or laboratory analyses, and this must be justified in the application.

Application Process:

To apply for an OFNC research grant, please submit a project proposal with the following information. Maximum two pages.

1. Project title



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2. Name(s), affiliation(s) and contact information of primary researcher(s), including supervisor name for students. The applicant(s) should indicate if they are a member of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club or a subscriber to the Canadian Field-Naturalist.

3. Project team members

4. Research experience (brief summary of relevant experience)

5. Summary of the proposed research

Describe your research project in plain language. The summary should include and/or address the following:

- Provide a brief background summary of the research topic, its relevance to the local area, and describe the questions the project is addressing.
- How does the research contribute to the objectives of the OFNC?
- Explain the methods by which the work will be conducted, including the site(s) where it will be undertaken.
- Indicate if relevant permits have been or will be obtained/applied for and if any land access permission is required.
- Describe the timeline for the project.
- If your work involves collecting specimens, state where this material will be permanently deposited.

6. Proposed Budget

Provide the following information:

- Amount requested from OFNC.
- Total budget for the project.
- Other sources of funding (if applicable).
- How and when OFNC will be funds be used.

7. Submission

Submit your proposal in PDF format by email to: Tony Gaston (tonygastonconsult@gmail.com) and Jeff Saarela (jsaarela@mus-nature.ca), with "OFNC Research Fund proposal" in the subject line of your message.

Deliverables:

The Club expects research results to be communicated as widely as is pertinent, with submissions to the Canadian Field-Naturalist encouraged, if appropriate.

- State how you plan to communicate the results of your research.



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- All grantees must provide a plain language summary of their results for publication in Trail & Landscape (the Club's quarterly newsletter that all members receive).
- Grantees may be invited to present a talk about their research at one of the Club's monthly meetings, and to communicate their work on the Club's blog, "Field Notes" (<https://ofnc.wordpress.com/home/>).
- Financial support from the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club must be clearly acknowledged in all final documentation.