



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BIOLOGICAL STATION (UOBS) GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

What: The University of Oklahoma Biological Station (UOBS) anticipates offering graduate fellowships of \$3,000 for research conducted at our Biological Station. Housing accommodations at UOBS are provided. Fellows are responsible for food and other living expenses.

Eligibility: (1) Awardees must be enrolled in a research-based MS or PhD graduate program at an accredited college or university and must be supervised by a faculty mentor or advisor during the project period. (2) Proposed research must involve work conducted at UOBS.

Research Topics: Research may focus on field or laboratory studies involving ecological systems, including studies of natural history, evolution, ecology, population biology, genetics of natural populations, and other biological or environmental topics.

Research Assistants: Graduate Research Fellowship recipients may request one or more undergraduate research assistants to participate in research conducted at the Biological Station. The assignment of a research assistant depends on availability and other circumstances. Fellowship recipients who request a research assistant are expected to serve as research mentors in a manner that parallels NSF's Research Experiences for Undergraduates program.

Awardees: After receiving notification of an award, we will work with awardees to determine their research needs, including lab space, and access to other research facilities and equipment.



Application Guidelines:

1. Complete, sign, and submit the UOBS Graduate Research Fellowship Application Form.
2. Prepare and submit a narrative proposal describing the research project. The proposal should include (a) conceptual questions addressed in the proposed research, (b) relevant background and introductory information, (c) description of proposed research, (d) statement describing which portions of the proposed research will be conducted at the University of Oklahoma Biological Station, and (e) description of research space and equipment needs at the Biological Station.
3. The proposal narrative is limited to a maximum of 3 pages, including any figures or tables. One additional page containing literature cited may be added.
4. Letter of support from the faculty mentor/advisor supervising the project.
5. Submit all application materials electronically (pdf format preferred) to Gavin Woodruff, Graduate Scholarship Committee Chair, (gcwoodruff@ou.edu). The Graduate Scholarship Committee will evaluate proposals and determine recipients.

Additional Information:

1. Any research on vertebrate animals will require approval of the University of Oklahoma Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee before research can begin. Information is available at <https://www.ou.edu/acup>. Students with IACUC approval from another institution should contact Heather Ketchum (heather.r.ketchum-1@ou.edu) to coordinate approval for work at UOBS.
2. For questions related to the graduate fellowships, research facilities, equipment available at UOBS, and other matters please contact Heather Ketchum (heather.r.ketchum-1@ou.edu).
3. Successful applicants will be required to submit a final (1-2 page) report to the UOBS Director upon completion of the project. We also ask that awardees acknowledge the University of Oklahoma Biological Station in publications resulting from this fellowship program, and that reprints be forwarded to the Director for addition to the UOBS library collection.

Applications will be accepted until February 27, 2026. Late applications may be considered if additional funding is available.

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BIOLOGICAL
STATION
Graduate Summer Research Fellowship Application Form**

Please submit this application and proposal narrative to Gavin Woodruff, Graduate Scholarship Committee Chair, (gcwoodruff@ou.edu). It would be best to have a single pdf file that contains the application and the narrative.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Sooner ID (if OU student): _____ E-mail address: _____

Department: _____ Institution: _____

Phone (include area code): _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ Type of Degree (M.S., Ph.D.): _____

Please indicate external or internal funding sources that you have secured for your research project during Summer 2026.

Submit a research proposal:

In addition to this application form, applicants must submit a research proposal narrative following instructions described in Application Guidelines.

Faculty Mentor's Name: _____

Faculty Mentor's Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____