Barker Research Support

Support from the Barker Foundation allows us to provide some funding for student research and research-related travel. We can fund a limited number of proposals for a maximum of $750 per proposal.

If you are planning to present research results at a conference, or you need equipment or supplies for a research project, you may apply for funding by submitting the following materials:

- An approximately 1-page justification describing your plans and indicating how you will use the funding
- A proposed budget and budget justification
- A one or two paragraph letter of support from your advisor

Before preparing your proposal, you must first see RaDonna Aymong, our Office/Budget Manager. She will discuss with you your plans, allowable expenses, and how to write a viable proposal. You may then prepare the items listed above and submit them via email to the Director of Graduate Studies, with copies to the Program Director and RaDonna.

Priority for funding for conference attendance will be given to those who are presenting research. If attending a conference is vital for your research plans and you are not presenting, be explicit about how your attendance at the conference will promote your research. Funding for these situations is rare.

We do not fund requests for equipment or supplies that are already available on campus (e.g. computers or common software.) Equipment that is purchased with Barker funds is University property and remains with the ENVS program. Funds cannot be used to pay tuition, supplies for classes, or travel that is primarily for educational purposes.

Proposals may be submitted at any time during the year, provided it is prior to the conference at which you plan to present. Under normal circumstances you can expect a two-week turnaround on your applications. Each student will be limited to $750 in any one academic year (July-June), but may make more than one proposal for lesser amounts, as long as the total for the year does not exceed $750.

Retroactive awards will not be considered.