



ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

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IAEP Student Research Grant Program

The IAEP

- Is a multi-disciplinary society of professionals whose experience and practice relates directly to enhancing environmental quality.
- Unites practitioners in business, government, and education.
- Promotes public and professional informed awareness of issues affecting environmental quality.
- Supports professional development and transfer of knowledge in environmental planning, research, management, and evaluation.
- Encourages incorporation of environmental concerns in planning and decision making.

The STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM (SRGP)

The SRGP is an effort to increase student interest in the environmental professions and to support them in conducting research and defining their career goals. The student research grant program will review all applications and **give two awards of \$2,500 each** to aid students in conducting their research project (limited to supplies and mileage). Winners will also be required to create a short a one page PDF of their research project to be posted on the IAEP website (both prior to project initiation and updated after the project has been completed). Winners will be invited to attend and present their research results via a short PowerPoint presentation at the IAEP Golf Outing dinner in September 2025. A complimentary dinner will be provided. *Attendance is optional and not a prerequisite for the award.*

Your ELIGIBILITY

- Be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college/university located in Illinois. Undergraduates must be enrolled in at least their sophomore year
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent on a 5.0 scale).
- Have a declared major in a science, engineering, or policy related discipline. The following are examples of acceptable majors: civil, chemical, or environmental engineering, environmental science, environmental studies, biology, hydrogeology, geology, geography, ecology, industrial hygiene, toxicology, environmental policy. NOTE: this list is not exhaustive.
- All applicants will receive a complimentary 1-year student membership.

1. RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSAL – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applicants will prepare a research grant proposal (3 pages maximum) containing the following headings and associated content:

- **INTRODUCTION**
 - Discuss the significance of the project
 - State a hypothesis(es) or research objectives
- **RESEARCH PLAN**
 - Experimental design
 - Description and map of study area (if you are doing a field project)
 - Methods and procedures
 - Project timeline
- **BUDGET**
 - List of supplies and estimated costs
 - Estimated travel/mileage expenses
- **REFERENCES CITED**
 - APA or MLA format is acceptable

2. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM RESEARCH ADVISOR

- Your application must include a letter from a research advisor stating how long he/she has known the applicant and testifying to the applicant's ability and motivation to complete the proposed project.

3. UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC RECORD

DEADLINE: April 11, 2025 By 4:30 pm
Application form on the next page.



The IAEP Research Grant Program: Application Form

(Please Print Clearly or Type)

Deadline is April 11, 2025

Applications must be received on that date by 4:30 pm

Candidates must submit:

- This form (filled out)
- A Research Grant Proposal (3 pages maximum).
- One letter of recommendation from the applicant's research advisor.
- Unofficial transcript of the applicant's academic record.

Incomplete applications will not be processed

Name _____

Present Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Declared Major _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Expected Degree _____ Cumulative GPA of _____ on a _____ scale

Name of School _____

Academic Advisor _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Project Title _____

Send your application package via regular mail to the following address:

Illinois Association of Environmental Professionals

c/o Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

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Questions? Contact IAEP Board Member Robert Sliwinski rsliwinski@cbbel.com