Minneapolis State University, Mankato
Department of Geography

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Geography Graduate Research Endowment

Eligibility and Guidelines

The endowment supports Minnesota State Mankato graduate students in Geography conducting thesis research. A faculty committee of the Geography Department will review applications and select one or two recipients annually. Research awards may be used for any research-related costs, and up to 25% of the award may be used for indirect costs such as costs of living. Upon completion and submission of the thesis, the student will submit (to the Geography Department Chair) a one-page summary of the research and how funds were used to support their work. A student may receive this award once.
Goff Endowment applicants must use the following format:

1. Biographical Information:
   a. Name
   b. Address
   c. Phone
   d. E-mail
   e. MSU Tech ID#

2. Project Title

3. Project supervisor(s) (thesis advisory committee)

4. Clearly state the problem to be addressed and/or the hypothesis to be tested. (0.5 page)

5. Why is this work important? Place the project in a disciplinary and, if appropriate, regional context. (0.5 page)

6. Concisely state how you plan to accomplish your investigation. Be specific. (0.5 page)

7. Duration of investigation (dates)

8. Budget. Create a spreadsheet and list in order of priority. (Travel—including meals & lodging, equipment, supplies, analyses, data and at-home living expenses are eligible. Living expenses may not exceed 25% of budget.)

9. Budget justification (0.5 page)

10. Amount and nature of other available funds, facilities, materials, etc. (0.2 page)

11. Other grants that
   a. have supported this project,
   b. are currently supporting this project, and
   c. are being applied for.
   (This list should include funds available to or applied for by the thesis supervisor, if these can support the proposed work.)

12. Brief biographical sketch. List citizenship, education, major positions held, and significant accomplishments. (0.5 page)

13. Brief bibliography. List papers which are related to the proposed research (0.5 Page)