



2020 OREN POLLAK MEMORIAL STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT FOR GRASSLAND SCIENCE Request for Proposals

The Nature Conservancy will be granting up to \$10,000 for assistance to one or more students to conduct research on grasslands in California or Oregon. Preference will be given to projects explicitly focused on grasslands and relevant to TNC's conservation efforts in California or Oregon.

Proposed projects may include, but are not restricted to, research on grassland management practices (e.g., restoration, grazing), habitat value for rare and threatened species, and community ecology. Studies conducted on TNC preserves and coordination with TNC preserve managers is desirable but not mandatory.

Requests for amounts between \$5,000 and \$10,000 will be considered. The majority of the amount requested should be used for non-stipend costs.

Any undergraduate or graduate student needing assistance for the implementation of a grassland research project may apply. To apply, send a project prospectus that includes:

- Title of the project
- Your name and contact information
- Who the project will be supervised by
- Project Summary, including the project's proposed contribution to conservation
- Summary of the proposed methods
- Time table for project completion
- Budget

The project prospectus should be no longer than 2 pages, including maps and figures (budget and references may extend to a 3rd page) and must be received by **February 7, 2020**. Notification of the award recipient will occur by March 13, 2020. Grant funds must be spent within 15 months of the award, and the recipient must submit a brief progress report at that time, summarizing the work completed and how the funds were spent.

Please email the proposal (include "OREN POLLAK RESEARCH GRANTS" in subject line) in PDF format to Aubrey Erwin (aubrey.erwin@TNC.ORG).