

Application guidelines for the Patrick Doyle Student Research Fund:

Purpose:

The Patrick Doyle Student Research Fund is meant to support undergraduate and graduate biology students who are conducting mentored research with a biology faculty member.

All supplies and equipment (consumable and non-consumable) purchased with these funds will be departmental property and not the property of the student.

What can funds be used for?

Funds can be used to make purchases that directly advance the student's research. This is included but not limited to: research equipment, research supplies, participant incentives, and travel related to both field work and research presentations at conferences.

**note:* students applying for conference travel must (1) be presenting at the conference and (2) have maximized their biology department student travel funds

How much can a student apply for and how often?

Undergraduate students can apply for up to \$1,000 per year and graduate students can apply for up to \$1,500 per year. Students can apply as often as they would like until they have reached the yearly maximum dollars granted.

Who can apply?

Any undergraduate or graduate student who is participating in mentored research with a faculty member in the biology department.

What is the deadline for applications?

There is no deadline. Students can apply at any time during the academic spring and fall semesters and can expect to hear back within 2-3 weeks about their application.

What is required for an application?

(1) A brief 250 – 500-word abstract describing the intellectual merit of the project, the student's role on the project, and how the research funds will be used to advance the project or the student's research professional development, (2) A budget outlining the items and cost of items requested, and (3) If for travel to present at a conference, application must include the acceptance letter/email from the conference organizers listing the student as presenter.

**note:* if the application is for conference travel funds, the student can use their submitted conference abstract as the abstract for this application.

How do I apply?

Fill out the application and work with your faculty research mentor to write an abstract and budget. Your faculty mentor will then email your application, abstract, budget, and acceptance letter for presentation (if applicable) in a single document to Liz Barnes (liz.barnes@mtsu.edu) and Lyn Powers (lyn.powers@mtsu.edu).

Application for the Patrick Doyle Student Research Fund:

Student first and last name: _____

Student M#: _____

Faculty mentor first and last name: _____

Is this application for research funds or conference travel funds ?

Please identify the specific sub fund for which you are applying ([Undergraduate Fund List](#))
([Graduate Fund List](#))

Name of sub fund: _____

Abstract: 250 – 500 words describing the intellectual merit of the project, the student's role on the project, and how the research funds will be used to advance the project or the student's research professional development.

An estimated **Budget** must also be entered before an award can be made. If you do not know the cost of the supplies needed or possible travel expenses, ask for assistance from your faculty mentor or the Biology Department Office.

Faculty signature here, confirming that these funds will be used to directly support the student's research project or conference travel. All supplies or equipment will remain in the department at the end of the research: _____