



FLORIDA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: JULIA MORTON RESEARCH GRANT

DEADLINE: MAY 8, 2026

The Florida Invasive Species Council (FISC) has available funding to support two (2) research grant/scholarships for students conducting studies related to invasive species management in Florida's natural areas.

Written proposals should be no more than three (3) pages in length, including a succinct overview of the research project and its relevance to invasive species issues in Florida, detailed methods, bibliography, and budget. Requests for funding should be no more than **\$2,000**. Focal species should be problematic or of concern in the state of Florida. Focal plant taxa should be categorized as Category I or II by FISC (<https://www.floridainvasives.org/plant-list/2023-invasive-plant-species/>) or determined to have a "high" or "moderate" invasion risk by the UF IFAS Assessment (<https://assessment.ifas.ufl.edu/>). Other invasive taxa (e.g., animals, fungi), should already be present in Florida as reported by EDDMapS (<https://www.eddmaps.org/distribution/>).

The applicant should provide contact information and a detailed budget and budget justification. Examples include, but are not limited to, travel funds for field work, funds for research equipment or supplies (or temporary use of specialized equipment), a stipend for applicant's project work time not otherwise supported, travel funds for presentation of the research at the annual FISC meeting, etc. Funds requested are to be used for the direct costs of conducting research on the proposed project and are not to be used for indirect costs incurred by the student's university or agency.

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the critical management need for scientific research in the area of study and on the clarity of the submitted request.

Basic eligibility requirements:

To be eligible for funding, applicants:

- must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at an accredited institution of higher learning anywhere within the United States,
- must include a letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor as part of the application package,
- must provide the full address of your Sponsored Programs/Contracts & Grants department and the person to whom a check should be sent.
- ***Proposals longer than three pages in length will be returned without review.***

Proposals are due by **5:00 pm, May 8, 2026 EST**. Send proposals by e-mail to: Dr. Carey Minter c.minterkillian@ufl.edu using the following naming convention:

- "LASTNAME_First name_proposal" and
- "LASTNAME_First name_recommendation".