



rare Scholarship in Graduate Research

The **rare** Charitable Research Reserve is a 913-acre property in Cambridge and North Dumfries, Ontario at the confluence of the Grand and the Speed Rivers. The goal of **rare** is to protect this environmentally sensitive landscape intact, in perpetuity, and to promote the use of the property for education and research. The property includes a broad range of habitats including riparian zones, upland and lowland deciduous forest (old-growth and second-growth), savanna, cliffs, coldwater streams, deciduous swamps, marshes, hedgerows, agricultural fields and old fields.

The **rare** Scholarship in Graduate Research is valued at \$4,000 and is open to all Canadian and International graduate students who will conduct research on **rare** property between May 2011 and April 2012. The field of study is open and could include, but is not limited to, research in ecology, zoology, geology, restoration ecology, hydrology, botany, soil science, archaeology, agriculture and education. The Scholarship will allow students to study in a relatively undisturbed, yet highly accessible site. The monetary award will help ensure successful candidates have the necessary resources to conduct and report on their research at **rare**. It will also allow the student to give an oral presentation at a conference in their discipline.

Applications Details:

1. Applications can be submitted until 5:00 pm on Monday, April 11th, 2011
2. Students will be required to provide a final report to **rare** by Monday, May 7th, 2012.
3. The successful applicant will be notified by May 4th, 2011. A sum of \$3,500 will be awarded shortly thereafter while the remaining \$500 will be awarded in May, 2012, upon successful completion of the requirements of the scholarship (including the final report and conference presentation).
4. The recipient will retain all intellectual property rights
5. The research will be required to go through the normal **rare** Research Application approval process.

Submission Details:

1. Please include your name, telephone number and email address, the name of your supervisor, department and university where the research will be completed;
2. Please submit current university transcripts from all institutions you attend or attended as an undergraduate or postgraduate student;
3. Include the names, telephone numbers and email addresses for two references who can best assess your academic credentials.
4. Provide an outline of the proposed research (3-5 pages) including:
 - a) the problem the research is addressing;
 - b) your hypothesis;
 - c) your sampling design, field equipment and statistical tests that will be employed;
 - d) the length of time fieldwork will be conducted at **rare**;
 - e) the areas at **rare** where you will be sampling (give specific habitats and/or precise locations if possible);
 - f) details on how the results will be made available to academics and the general public.
5. Submit all documents to: Peter Kelly, Research Director
rare Charitable Research Reserve
1679 Blair Road
Cambridge, Ontario, Canada N3H 4R8.

If you have any further questions or you would like a tour of the Reserve please contact Peter Kelly at 519-650-9336 x126 or peter.kelly@raresites.org.

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