

## JOKERST FIELD BOTANY GRANT AWARD GUIDELINES

Each spring the Friends of the Ahart Herbarium at California State University Chico offer an award to support and encourage student research at CSUC involving field research in botany and plant ecology. Proposals are to be carefully written and succinct. Proposals that do not follow the prescribed format--lacking any category below or exceeding the page limit--will be rejected. It is highly recommended that your proposal be proof-read by colleagues and/or faculty advisors before submission. Jokerst Award winners are expected to present a 12- to 15-minute summary of their research at the FOH Annual Meeting, and to acknowledge support from the Jokerst Award in their thesis, professional presentations, and related publications.

The Abstract, Background, Objectives, Methods, and Significance of Research combined must not exceed three single-spaced pages, with a minimum 12-point font and one inch (2.5 cm) margins. Literature Cited, figures, tables, and Budget Description are not included in this limit. All pages must have a header that includes the award name (Jokerst Field Botany Award), the applicant's last name, and the page number (numbered consecutively).

The following categories must be included in the proposal, in this order (if figures and tables are included, they should follow the Literature Cited):

**Title:** (Must be short, but adequately descriptive)

**Full Name:**

**Contact Information:** (address, phone, e-mail)

**Affiliation:** (department, school and/or organization)

**Graduate or Undergraduate Advisor:**

**Abstract:** (A stand-alone paragraph summarizing the problem, objectives, methods, and significance of the project.)

**Background:** (Succinctly state the issues you are trying to address, including the broader context for your project, and in-text citations as needed.)

**Objectives:** (Clearly state what hypotheses you intend to address or accomplishments expected from the research.)

**Methods:** (Succinctly state the methods you will use. Illustrations may help in this regard, and do not have to be included in the final page count.)

**Significance of Research:** (How will this study aid you in attaining your research goals, and be of use to science or people in general?)

**Literature Cited:** (Citing current literature allows reviewers to assess how well applicants know their discipline. Please cite literature in the text, where appropriate, and include full bibliographic information in this section.)

**Budget Description:** (Must not exceed one page. Present a budget that clearly shows how Jokerst Field Botany Award funds will be used. You may state in the Budget Description how these funds relate to a larger project, but we do not want to see the budget for that project. Budget categories normally used are Personnel, Supplies, Travel, Contractual Services, and Equipment. No overhead is allowed on these funds. In the Budget Description, explain how the figures presented in the budget were calculated and provide any additional budgetary information you feel is appropriate.)

**A Curriculum Vitae or resumé** (no transcripts).

Please submit proposals electronically, before midnight, **March 2, 2025**, in pdf format to:

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