



# OFNC Research Grants: Call for Proposals for 2020

*OFNC Publications Committee*

The OFNC has established a fund to support field-based research activities that reflect and promote the Club's objectives within eastern Ontario or western Quebec, focused particularly upon the Club's study area – inside the 50-km radius from the Peace Tower in Ontario or Quebec.

The objectives of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club are:

- To promote the appreciation, preservation, and conservation of Canada's natural heritage;
- To encourage investigation, publish the results of research in all fields of natural history, and diffuse the information as widely as possible;
- To support and cooperate with organizations engaged in preserving, maintaining or restoring environments of high quality for living things.

**Deadline for proposal submissions: January 15, 2020**

### **Available Funding:**

It is expected that grants will typically range from \$1000–\$3000.

### **Eligibility:**

Individuals, including students conducting research for their degrees, postdoctoral fellows, professors, research scientists and independent researchers.

### **Types of Research Supported:**

Research projects must be credibly science-based and with a measureable outcome. Given the Club's focus on natural history, field-based projects are favoured.

### **Use of Funds:**

Grants may be used for legitimate field-related expenses including travel, accommodation, food, equipment and supplies, etc. Grants may not be used for salary. Only a small portion of funds may be used for publication costs and/or laboratory analyses, and this must be justified in the application.

Photo above: *Western Chorus Frog* by Annie Langlois, from research grant report "Hunting for the Elusive Western Chorus Frog" by David Seburn in *T&L* 53(2), page 87.

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## Application Process:

To apply for an OFNC research grant, please submit a project proposal with the following information. Maximum two pages.

### 1. Project title

**2. Name(s), affiliation(s) and contact information of primary researcher(s), including supervisor name for students.** The applicant(s) should indicate if they are a member of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club or a subscriber to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*.

### 3. Project team members

### 4. Research experience (brief summary of relevant experience)

### 5. Summary of the proposed research

Describe your research project in plain language. The summary should include and/or address the following:

- Provide a brief background summary of the research topic, its relevance to the local area, and describe the questions the project is addressing.
- How does the research contribute to the objectives of the OFNC?
- Explain the methods by which the work will be conducted, including the site(s) where it will be undertaken.
- Indicate if relevant permits have been or will be obtained/applied for and if any land access permission is required.
- Describe the timeline for the project.
- If your work involves collecting specimens, state where this material will be permanently deposited.

### 6. Proposed budget

Provide the following information:

- Amount requested from the OFNC.
- Total budget for the project.
- Other sources of funding (if applicable).
- How and when OFNC funds will be used.

### 7. Submission

Submit your proposal in PDF format by email to Dr. Jeff Saarela ([jsaarela@nature.ca](mailto:jsaarela@nature.ca)), with "OFNC Research Grant proposal" in the subject line of your message.

## Deliverables:

The Club expects research results to be communicated as widely as is pertinent, with submissions to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* encouraged, if appropriate.

- State how you plan to communicate the results of your research.
- All grantees must provide a plain language summary in English or in French of their results for publication in *Trail & Landscape* (the Club's quarterly newsletter and local natural history journal that all members receive).
- Grantees may be invited to present a talk about their research at one of the Club's monthly meetings, and to communicate their work on the Club's blog, [ofnc.ca/news-events/ofnc-blogs](http://ofnc.ca/news-events/ofnc-blogs).

Financial support from the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club must be clearly acknowledged in all final documentation. 📧

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