
OFNC Research Grants: Call for Proposals for 2022

OFNC Publications Committee



A Blanding's Turtle with a GPS/accelerometer unit (left) and a VHF transmitter (right). These devices allow researchers to record animal behaviour while the animals roam free. See Research Grant Summary "Activity and Behaviour of Two Species of Freshwater Turtles at their Northern Range Limit" by Anne-Christine Auge in T&L 55(3), pages 121-124. Photo by author.

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, 2022**

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.

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), 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 (ofnc.ca/publications/trail-landscape).
- 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.

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