



Instructions for Small Grant Proposals

The Atkinson Center's small grants program supports Cornell graduate students and postdocs with grants for research. These young researchers carry out novel research on the most pressing questions in different areas of sustainability:

- **Increasing Food Security:** Improving the systems of agriculture, aquaculture, and wild food harvest to meet the nutritional needs of all those living today while enhancing the quality of life of those producing the food--and the land and aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems on which they depend.
- **Reducing Climate Risks:** Innovating technology, financial instruments, and policy to reduce greenhouse gas concentrations and adapt infrastructure, agriculture, and health systems to equitably protect human health, safety and prosperity from the impact of increasingly catastrophic droughts, floods, storms and wildfires.

Cornell graduate students and postdoctoral research associates from all disciplines are encouraged to apply to pursue innovative research relevant for the goals of the Atkinson Center's interdisciplinary working groups in these two areas of sustainability.

All proposal materials MUST be received by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2019.**

Eligibility

Cornell graduate students and postdocs from any field with research interests in sustainability areas listed above are eligible to apply for these grants. Award recipients must participate in a scheduled Atkinson Small Grants Symposium each fall. Proposals by applicants who have not been previously funded by Atkinson Small Grants can submit funding requests up to \$7,000, or \$8,000 if the research will include an undergraduate intern. Funds may not be used as a stipend for the applicant, to pay journal page charges, or to purchase computers or equipment typically available in faculty labs. A maximum of \$3,000 may be used for undergraduate research assistance. If you request funds for an undergraduate research intern, please justify the need and submit a clear plan for mentorship.

All funds must be spent within two years of the award; extensions will typically not be granted. To remain in good standing and eligible for future funding, all awardees must:

- Update their profile on the Atkinson website
- Complete a short annual and final report
- Participate in the fall Small Grants Symposium
- Forward later publications that result from the funding, and
- Participate in a review panel evaluating future research proposals



2019 Applications: Deadline is February 15, 2019

Create a single PDF document (saved as Your Last Name-First Name, e.g. Smith-John.pdf) including the following sections:

- **Proposal** - for new research (3 pages maximum, excluding references)
- **Impact** - statement on the project's impact on sustainability (half page maximum)
- **Previous Funding** - If previously funded by any Atkinson Center grants include a summary of 1) results, 2) awards received, 3) publicity generated, and 4) publications, including non-technical writings, from the earlier grant(s).
- **Short CV** (2 pages maximum)
- **Current and pending funding** - title, amount, duration, and funding source for all funds available to you and your faculty advisers. Demonstration of need and lack of other funding is critical.
- **Budget justification** - the more specific, the better (1-page maximum), include 10% university indirect cost charge.

Assemble your PDF file (Lastname-Firstname.pdf) with all sections in the above order, each starting on a separate page.

[Download budget template spreadsheet and fill in details](#). Save as Lastname-Firstname.xlsx

[Complete online application form and then upload proposal pdf and excel budget spreadsheet](#). (You will need to log in with a Google account).

Funding decisions will be made on the basis of overall scientific merit, relevance to the sustainability goals of the relevant Atkinson Center working group, and availability of funds.