Jan Plan 2021 Grant Guidelines

The Buck Lab is pleased to offer grants to students from all departments/programs who wish to do independent projects related to any aspect of the environment (climate change, biodiversity, ecosystems, environmental policy-making and advocacy, pollution, public health, environmental justice, etc.). This includes research from any disciplinary perspective, community engagement projects, projects in the arts and humanities, and internships with Buck Lab partner organizations (announced on ColbyNow). In addition, faculty from any department/program at Colby are invited to submit a grant proposal for collaborative research with students on environmental topics [information at web.colby.edu/bucklab (click on “Grants”)].

For Jan Plan 2021, students are encouraged to live on campus or at home, and remote-only projects are strongly encouraged. Projects or internships that require you to be in-person at a work place or on-site doing field work will only be considered if:

- You are living on campus and conducting research or partnering with an organization in the local community or in central Maine, or
- You are living at home and conducting research or partnering with an organization in your hometown or very nearby.

In either case, you must disclose where you hope to work and how you will follow coronavirus safety precautions. We reserve the right to decline to fund a project that is deemed too great a public health risk at this time, given the ongoing pandemic.

Please submit a 1-2 page proposal that includes your name, class year and major, and describes:

- Your project
- How your project relates to your academic interests and the mission of the Buck Lab (see web.colby.edu/bucklab)
- Who your project mentor is (Colby professor, off-campus mentor, or internship supervisor)
- A general timeline for your project during the four weeks of Jan Plan, and what your expected outcomes are
- How this project will be done remotely (preferred) or if your project requires in-person or on-site work, where you hope to work and how you will undertake coronavirus safety precautions.

For Jan Plan 2021, students do not need to submit a budget. For all projects accepted for funding, students will be awarded a $1,200 stipend for 25-35 hours of work per week for four weeks. Part-time opportunities will be supported on a pro-rated basis. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Buck Lab will not support international travel or international on-site projects, nor will we cover domestic travel, lodging or food expenses, except in rare circumstances. This is to encourage students to stay at Colby or at home and pursue remote or local projects. If you have necessary expenses for your project, please submit a budget with your proposal.

Email questions and your proposal to bucklab@colby.edu. Deadline is Sunday, November 15.