



## FRIENDS RESEARCH FUND 2026

### *Indigenous Application*

## Grant Application Instructions, Guidelines and Review Process

### A. Description of Grant

Since the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument has been the ancestral land of several indigenous tribes for thousands of years, the Friends want to better understand these historical tribal connections to the land. The Friends is currently seeking Indigenous researchers 18 years of age or older to bring clarity to these historical connections as well the connections between traditional ecological knowledge and Western science regarding issues directly related to the Monument.

Friends of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (FCSNM) is pleased to provide grants through the *Friends Research Fund* (FRF) that supports non-traditional indigenous students to enhance our understanding, appreciation, preservation, and/or protection of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Areas of research may include biology, environmental sciences/education, sociology, arts and humanities, indigenous studies, history, and business. Awards are issued based on the importance, quality, and feasibility of the proposed project. Upon the completion of the research project, submit a written narrative report of their research findings to FCSNM. Awardees present their findings orally at the annual Monument Research Symposium organized and hosted by the Friends (typically in March or April).

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for funding without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age, immigration status, or veteran status.

### B. Application DEADLINE - May 15, 2026

1. Completed application form must be submitted to FCSNM via email ([info@cascaadesiskiyou.org](mailto:info@cascaadesiskiyou.org)) by **May 15, 2026 11:59pm PST**.
2. Along with the completed application, submit the following:
  - a. A curriculum Resume (2-page maximum) or letter that summarizes your experiences, interests, and qualifications to do the research.
  - b. A Letter of Recommendation on your behalf from a Tribal Administrator, qualified Elder or academic advisor who also agrees to act as Project Advisor.
3. Use the application form below to complete the following:
  - a. Project Description: Objectives and Relevance
  - b. Project Procedures and Timeline
  - c. Budget
4. Any application lacking any of these elements is deemed incomplete and ineligible.



### C. Eligibility

Applicants must:

1. Identify as Indigenous American and/or have tribal affiliation.
  - a. Preference will be given to Native applicants with ancestry in and around the area of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Tribal ancestry includes, but is not limited to: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Quartz Valley Rancheria, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and Klamath Tribe.
2. Be 18 years of age or older

### D. Evaluation Criteria

Each proposal will be evaluated and ranked based on:

1. Relative importance, originality, and relevance ( must be in line with FCSNM’s mission and hold potential application for directly or indirectly enhancing our understanding, appreciation, preservation, and/or protection of the Monument).
2. The centering of indigenous worldviews, indigenous knowledge, and indigenous forms of land stewardship, conservation, history, culture, or art.
3. The use of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) approaches and methodologies. Approaches and methodologies may include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Oral traditions and cultural knowledge
  - b. Emphasis on qualitative data
  - c. Cooperative analysis of data by traditional resource users
  - d. Basis in traditional subsistence practices
  - e. Collaborative field work
  - f. Multidisciplinary, holistic approaches
  - g. Incorporation of social and spiritual relationships
4. Likelihood of success (based on experience and qualifications of applicant within the proposed timeline and budget).

### E. Awards

Awardees will be announced the week of **May 18, 2026** and commitments to accept the projects confirmed by **May 29, 2026**. Awards on individual grants will range from \$500 to \$3,000.

Grant funds will be issued to awardees by **June 8, 2026**. (Note: 20% of award will be withheld for two deadlines: 1) 10% for an interim research summary report of 100 words plus 3 captioned photographs of field work submitted by December 31, 2026; and 2) 10% for the presentation of the Monument Research Symposium in March/April 2027 and the completion of the Final Research Project no later than June 1, 2027. Withheld funds are forfeited if deadlines are missed.

### F. Other Conditions of the *Friends Research Fund Grant*

**Financing Restrictions.** The *Friends Research Fund* will finance in whole, or in part, field research and investigation or documentation of indigenous connection to place and cultural values. This may be done through the fields of biology, environmental sciences/education, sociology, anthropology, arts and humanities, and business conducted by those who identify as Indigenous American and/or have tribal affiliations.



**Covered / Not Covered Expenses.** The *Friends Research Fund* will not pay for tuition or a university-covered expense. Covered expenses may include stipends for time spent in the field, travel (lodging, per diem, and mileage) and materials or supplies required for the research project.

**Specimen and Material Collection.** Any collection of specimens and/or samples from the Monument must be preceded by the authorization of BLM and the issuance of a BLM Collections Permit.

**Reports.** Upon completion of the project (no later than June 1, 2027), awardees must submit both an electronic and written narrative report of their research findings to FCSNM. The narrative report should accurately describe the following elements: 1) The methods utilized in the project; 2) The project outcomes and/or findings; 3) How these outcomes/findings enhance the understanding, appreciation, preservation, and/or protection of the Monument; and 4) An account of the funds expended on the project. Additionally, awardees are expected to present the results of their work in an oral and PowerPoint formats at the annual FCSNM Monument Research Symposium hosted by the Friends (usually in March or April), either virtually or in person.

**Crediting the Friends:** Awardees must acknowledge the *Friends of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument* as a funder of their research in all oral, visual, or written communications. Recognizing *Friends*-sponsored research highlights the community supporters who facilitate these research grants for university students.

**Non-compliance:** If you are awarded and accept the grant, you acknowledge the legal obligation to fulfill all conditions required in the Final Report as described in this application. <sup>1</sup>

**Crediting the Friends:** Awardees agree to identify the *Friends of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument* as a funder of your research in all oral, visual, or written formats. Crediting *Friends*-sponsored research acknowledges those community supporters who help make these research grants available.

## G. Instructions for Completing the Application Form

1. Download this Application Form from our website and open it using Adobe Acrobat Reader or Adobe Acrobat Pro (some fields have embedded auto fill that will not work in other programs). Save a copy of the form and name the file: “*ApplicantName-FRF26-Application*”
2. Once the Application is saved and named, complete it. Be concise and confine your answers within the provided text boxes. *Do not add any extra pages, unless the form indicates otherwise.*
3. Complete the budget. Be sure your calculations are correct. If a particular category of expenses is not expected, please enter ‘\$0.00’ in the appropriate place in the application (don’t leave any expense categories blank).

## H. Applicant Experience and Qualifications

1. Optional: Tribal affiliation or membership

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<sup>1</sup> If you are awarded and accept the grant, you acknowledge the legal obligation to fulfill all conditions required in the Final Report as described in this Application.

If the Final Research Report is not completed and submitted by the due date and you have not requested a Project Extension, and/or you do not respond to our requests to complete your project, a **Grant Report Default Notice** will be sent to your **Project Advisor, Elder, and/or Tribal Administrator** indicating you are not in compliance and therefore jeopardizing the collaborative and scholarly relationship with the Friends of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. At this point, you will forfeit any remaining funds and may be asked to return all funds previously issued. Additional actions may be taken, including contacting a debt collection agency.



**I. Email all the above attachments to: [info@cascadesiskiyou.org](mailto:info@cascadesiskiyou.org)**

Subject: "Friends Research Fund 2026"

Text: "Please find attached my Application Package for the Friends Research Fund 2026."

Applicant Name

Applicant Address, City, State Zip Code

Applicant Email Address

Applicant Phone #

Attachments should include: *Examples:*

Applicant Name-FRF26-Application: *Anna Lee-FRF26-Application*

Applicant Name-FRF26-Vitae: *Anna Lee-FRF26-Vitae*

Applicant Name-FRF26-Recommendation: *Anna Lee-FRF26-Recommendation*

**J. For assistance or questions, contact:**

Zaynab Brown, Program Coordinator, [zaynab@cascadesiskiyou.org](mailto:zaynab@cascadesiskiyou.org)



## I. Project Description

<b>Today's Date (Month/Day/Year):</b>	
<b>Project Title:</b>	

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
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<b>Address:</b>		<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>		<b>Zip:</b>	
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<b>Project Advisor:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Project Start Date:</b>		<b>Project End Date:</b>	



## A. Project Objectives and Relevance

1. Briefly describe the specific objectives (expected outcomes) of the proposed project/study: *Limit response 250 words.*



2. Briefly describe how the applicant's objectives will support FCSNM's mission of promoting the understanding and/or the appreciation, preservation, and/or protection of the Monument: *Limit response to 250 words.*



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## II. Project Procedures and Timeline

3. Describe the techniques, procedures and/or methodologies, including TEK, to be used, including data collection, analysis, and means of interpretation: *Limit response to 300 words.*



## II. Project Procedures and Timeline (continued)

4. Describe the basic proposed timeline of project tasks and expected outcomes: *Limit response to 300 words.*

Empty response area for describing the project timeline and outcomes.



### III. Budget

List the detailed budget of project direct costs for materials/supplies

<b>MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES</b> Budgeted cost of materials, supplies, and analysis used directly in this project. If unit cost is greater than \$200.00, please list separately.					
Item	Quantity	Cost per Unit	Matching Funds (if available)	FRF Funds	Total Funding
<i>Example: Camera Trap</i>	2	\$200.00	\$00.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
<b>Total: Materials and Supplies</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<i>Optional narrative explanation of costs:</i>					



List the detailed budget of project direct costs for student stipends.

<b>STIPENDS</b>					
Budgeted cost of stipend for projected work to carry out agreement activities. Explain the tasks to be completed for the date ranges indicated in the narrative box below.					
Date Range	Hours	Cost per Unit	Matching Funds (if available)	FRF Funds	Total Funding
<i>Example: July 1 - 14, 2025</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>\$15.00/hour</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>
<b>Total: Stipends</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<i>Optional narrative explanation of costs:</i>					



List the detailed budget of project direct costs for travel (lodging/per diem)

**LODGING AND PER DIEM**

Cost of lodging and *per diem* necessary to carry out agreement activities. Explain the details and purpose of the travel in the Narrative box below.

**Note:** The Friends offer a daily per diem of \$30 per day.

Proposed Travel		No. of People	No. of Days	Cost Per Person (per day or trip)	Matching Funds (if available)	FRF Funds	Total Funding
To:							
From :							
To:							
From :							
To:							
From :							
To:	<i>Example: Ashland, OR</i>	1	2	\$30.00/trip	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
From :	<i>Green Springs, OR</i>						
<b>Total: Lodging &amp; Per Diem</b>					\$	\$	\$

Optional narrative explanation of costs:



### III. Budget (continued)

List below the detailed budget of project direct costs for travel (mileage)

<b>MILEAGE</b> Budgeted cost for predicted mileage traveled in carrying out agreement activities. Explain the details and the purpose of the mileage in the Narrative box below. <b>NOTE:</b> The Friends offers a reimbursement mileage rate that matches the Federal Government rates at the time the grant is awarded, which is currently \$0.73 cents/mile.							
Proposed Travel		No. of Miles	No. of Trips	Cost Per Mile	Matching Funds (if available)	FRF Funds	Total Funding
<b>To:</b>							
<b>From:</b>							
<b>To:</b>							
<b>From:</b>							
<b>To:</b>							
<b>From:</b>							
<i>To:</i>	<i>Example: Ashland, OR</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>\$0.73/Mile</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$58.00</i>	<i>\$51.72</i>
<i>From:</i>	<i>Green Springs, OR</i>	<i>Miles</i>					
<b>Total: Mileage</b>					<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<i>Optional narrative explanation of costs:</i>							



Summarize the detailed budget for all direct project costs and the requested FRF funds and/or available matching funds applicable to this project.

<b>SUMMARY OF DIRECT PROJECT COSTS</b>			
The total of all direct budgeted costs and requested and/or available funding applicable to this project.			
Direct Project Costs	Matching Funds (if available)	FRF Funds	Total Funding
<b>A. Total Materials &amp; Supplies Costs</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>B. Stipends</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>C. Total Lodging &amp; Per Diem Costs</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>D. Total Mileage Costs</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>E. Total Direct Project Costs (A + B + C + D)</b>	\$	\$	\$