**2022 Joshua Tree National Park Graduate Student Research Grant**

**Applications Due:** January 5th, 2022

Awards will be announced by February 18, 2022.

**Purpose**

* To support graduate students with their field research in Joshua Tree National Park.
* To support high priority research needs that inform park management of socio-cultural, natural, and wilderness resources as identified in the [Resource Stewardship Strategy](https://www.nps.gov/jotr/learn/management/upload/JOTR_RSS_508_2021-0301.pdf) or on the [Scientific Research Permit](https://irma.nps.gov/RPRS/Park/JOTR) portal.

**Outcomes**

Awardees are expected to provide summary updates twice per year to the [Grant Coordinator](mailto:JTresearchgrant@gmail.com). Before final reimbursement, awardee is expected to produce a written report that can be posted on our [Joshua Tree Science](https://www.nps.gov/jotr/learn/nature/jtnp-science.htm) webpage. In addition, awardee is expected to publicly present their findings in a suitable forum (such as the Desert Institute Lecture Series). When research is complete, awardee will provide the park with copies of any final publications, thesis work, and/or any pertinent information that applies to the research conducted in the park. Awardees have two years from time of award to complete their fieldwork and meet all award requirements.

**Framework**

* Applicants must be enrolled as graduate students in accredited universities.
* Research categories include: botany, historic structures, wildlife studies, desert ecology, museum studies, oral history, physical and earth sciences, archaeology, cultural landscape studies, park and community history, information management for resources, paleontology, ethnography, social science, and wilderness.
* Applications will be ranked based on three Criteria (see application).
* Applicants have 24 months from award date to spend grant money.
* Awards are for up to $5,000 per proposal\*
* Applicants can apply once for additional funding after first grant has been completed.

**Grant Funding and Support**

The program is intended to assist students with field study expenses and data analysis, including lodging, transportation, field supplies, and research equipment. Allowable categories: necessary supplies and minor equipment; actual cost of food and travel to, from and at the park; special logistical costs; computer support; access costs to special analytical equipment, etc. Non-allowable categories include: preparation of thesis copy; salaries and stipends; publication costs; purchase of classroom books; and purchase of computer equipment. Award amounts are up to $5,000\*. Awardees will have free access to the park’s field station ([Dr. Luckie Study Center](https://www.nps.gov/jotr/learn/nature/dr-luckie-study-center.htm)) and free park entrance once you obtain your research permit. Please review the guidelines for obtaining a [scientific research permit](https://irma.nps.gov/RPRS/Park/JOTR) before applying.

\*Exceptions to the $5,000 maximum can be considered; examples might include projects that are exceptionally aligned with park goals or situations where partial funding makes the project unattainable. Please contact the Grant Coordinator ([JTresearchgrant@gmail.com](mailto:JTresearchgrant@gmail.com)) to discuss this possibility.