**Small Project Research Funds**

Guidelines

1. All investigators and co-investigators **must have been members of the Virginia Academy of Science** for **six months** at the time of application in order to apply. If a graduate student applies, the student’s major professor must be a co-investigator.
2. The research must be carried out in the state of Virginia or sponsored by an institution in the state.
3. The investigator need not be affiliated with any particular type of institution (public, private, academic, industrial, etc.).
4. Publications resulting from these funds must acknowledge support from the Virginia Academy of Science.
5. Deadline for receipt of applications will be **April 15**. Notices of awards will be made about June 1.
6. Awards are made in amounts up to $1,250.00.
7. Preference is given to initiation of projects (“seed money”).
8. Proposals for work to update or extend information on natural systems in Virginia and on human impacts on those natural systems are encouraged. Examples of past work which could be updated were published in The James River Basin: Past, Present, and Future and in The Great Dismal Swamp. The Great Dismal Swamp was published by the University Press of Virginia, Charlottesville for the Old Dominion University Research Foundation.
9. The authorized institutional representative must sign off on the proposal and indicate how funds are to be transmitted, should the proposal be successful.
10. Grant recipients must submit a final report accounting for how the funds were used, and a summary of the research results obtained, to the Executive Officer within one year of grant disbursement.

Applicants should submit the completed Application for Small Project Research Funds (in electronic format) to our office no later than April 15.

Submit electronic version to our office at vasoffice@vacadsci.org