



Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund Application

The Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund is intended to support student research that relates to and advances knowledge of Ontario's archaeological record. This fund provides students with small grants to assist them in undertaking new research for Honour's, Master's, PhD or postdoctoral projects.

Applicant Name:

Applicant E-mail:

Applicant Phone #:

Applicant's Academic Institution:

Title of Research Project:

Total Funds Requested:

Enclosed (please check all that apply):

Cover Letter
Project Description and References Cited
Budget and Justification for Funds Request
Reference Letter

Date Application Received by OAS Board:

Date Application Reviewed by OAS Board:

Application Criteria

1. Application packages must be received by the OAS board by June 1 of the calendar year of the award.
2. The application must be typed.
3. Incomplete packages will not be considered.
4. Applicants must be enrolled in a postsecondary institution/museum programme.
5. The research project must include the excavation and/or analysis of material culture remains from one or more Ontario archaeological sites.
6. Successful candidates will be contacted in June of the calendar year by the Director of Member Services.
7. Successful candidates will be required to submit receipts for supplies purchased/equipment rented to the OAS board to demonstrate appropriate use of the funds. In addition, a progress report detailing the status of the project must be submitted to the OAS board within one year of receiving funds.

Application Instructions

Please ensure the **Application Form Cover Page** is included with the package in addition to the following:

Cover Letter

This letter should briefly describe your research project and its contributions to Ontario archaeology. In addition, the use of the funds requested should be outlined. The cover letter should be an abstract for your award application.

Project Description and References Cited

Write a one to two page description of your research project. Include appropriate background information to provide context about the contribution that your research will make to Ontario archaeology and the Ontario archaeological community. Please include a list of references cited following the *SAA Style Guide*.

Budget and Justification for Funds Request

Please provide a detailed budget breakdown of the funds requested for your research. A timeline to the completion of the portion of the project for which the funds are requested should also be provided. Please identify all other funding sources that you have obtained (e.g., university/programme specific awards, OGS, SSHRCC, NSERCC, etc.) pursuant to your current degree programme/postdoctoral research. Finally, please justify your request for funds from the OAS.

Reference Letter

Please have an individual, preferably a supervisor/advisor or colleague who is familiar with your research programme, provide a reference letter in a sealed and signed envelope to the OAS Board for consideration. This letter should identify the length of your relationship with this individual, their role in your research programme, and their familiarity with your work and experience.

If you have any questions regarding the award application please contact the Director of Members Services at memberservices@ontarioarchaeology.org or the Executive Director at execdirector@ontarioarchaeology.org