

**WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR CAVE STUDIES (WVACS.org)**  
*Application for Research Grant*

**Instructions:** Please fill out all portions of this application and submit the documents listed on page 2. Projects in the Greenbrier Valley are given priority, although all projects will be considered. Note: If offered the use of the WVACS field station, successful applicants must be trained in field station procedures for opening and shutting down the field station buildings and water system.

**Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ (cell preferred)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor email: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the degree being pursued by the applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bachelor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Master's  
\_\_\_\_\_ PhD  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other, Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Institution (school): \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline (e.g., Biological Sciences): \_\_\_\_\_

Is the applicant a member of WVACS?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

Which option is requested (check only one)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Monetary award (usually up to \$500)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Use of WVACS field station (fees waived for research work)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Combination of Monetary award and use of the WVACS field station.

## **Project Information**

Project title: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will the proposed research be pursued in Greenbrier, Pocahontas, or Monroe County, WV?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

Will the proposed research be pursued in a Greenbrier, Pocahontas, or Monroe County, WV cave?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (give name) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

Proposed project start date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed project end date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Documents Required** (attached each one as a separate sheet/document)

Short proposal/synopsis of project. Length limited to 250 words.

Long version of proposal of project. Length limited to 5 pages.

Proposed budget. Include justifications for each category (e.g., caving gear, experiment equipment, lab analyses, etc.).

## **Minimum Terms of Agreement**

The applicant agrees to acknowledge WVACS as a source of funding and/or support according to the type(s) of awards they receive, in all products of their research (e.g. papers). The applicant will provide a copy of their final product, such as a thesis, and any publications that result from the research. Such documents can be supplied in electronic or physical form, but preferably copies are provided in both mediums.

The applicant must also include a statement that gives WVACS the right to publish the name(s) of researchers, and titles of their works either digitally or in print format.

Successful applicants may also give more extensive rights such as posting the entire submitted document, or portions of it, on our website.

Successful applicants will receive instructions and contact information for submitting documents.

Successful applicants may be required to sign additional terms depending on the specifics of their project.

**Minimum Terms of Agreement Cont.**

The funds that will be awarded are for the sole use of the stated research specified in the project proposal and budget. Any funds not used as stated in the grant proposal will be returned to WVACS.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If you have questions, please email Bob Oehler (Grant Committee Chairman) at [kd8djc@gmail.com](mailto:kd8djc@gmail.com), or contact any other members of the Research Committee.

Grant Request Recieved by : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_