



THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

Ian Worley Awards

Background

The intention of the Ian Worley Awards is to recognize students and faculty whose inspired, novel and creative ideas have led them to seek innovative paths in pursuing environmental goals. Establishing these awards was inspired by the empowering teaching of Ian A. Worley, former Professor of Botany and Environmental Studies in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Director of the University's Environmental Program. Dr. Worley's integrative and creative approach to problem solving and scientific inquiry was inspiring and impactful to the Gary Simpson, who initiated this award in the spirit of fostering and celebrating creative, integrative, imaginative and innovative approaches in dealing with the environmental challenges that face us.

Who can apply?

Any imaginative undergraduate Environmental Studies or Environmental Science major or minor, undergraduates who have taken or are taking a 200-level ENVS course, and UVM faculty members who regularly teach Environmental Studies courses.

What projects can I propose?

You may propose any creative or innovative project, whether in art, education, journalism, activism, community partnership, or academic research, etc., that addresses an environmental issue. We invite you to propose projects with new and even untested paths of mind and thought that address critical responses to persisting environmental ills or the sudden appearance of unforeseen threats, and/or the enhancement of flourishing environments and Earth's well-being. Check out the [projects of previous winners](#), and use these themes as guiding principles:

- New paths of mind and thought
- A broadly interdisciplinary approach
- Creative, integrative, imaginative, and innovative approaches – The potential to be a catalyst for change

How much can I ask for?

Anywhere between \$500 and \$7500. Multiple awards may be given.

When is the deadline?

Apply by **April 3**.

How do I apply?

Send a single .pdf file to brendan.fisher@uvm.edu with Ian Worley Award in the subject line.

The proposal should have the following format:

1) A **Cover sheet** that indicates: a) name of project, b) name of proposer, c) contact information, d) faculty sponsor, if you are a student, e) proposed budget total, f) any additional funding support, g) project timeline.

2) A **project description** with details on the proposed project or idea, not more than 2 single-spaced pages in 11 pt font. The description should explain how the idea meets the award criteria, why the applicant is prepared and qualified to carry out the project, expected timeline and outcomes. You should include enough detail so the project is clear and understandable to the ENVS award review committee.

3) A **budget description** that includes an overview paragraph with budget rationale, and a detailed budget, line by line, of all equipment, items, travel, etc. necessary to complete the project. Proposed award budgets must be between \$500-7,500 total. If additional funds are necessary to complete the work, explain how you will obtain them.

4) An **equipment and necessary facilities description**, if appropriate. State how these items will be obtained, and if costs are involved how those costs will be paid.

4) **Letter of support** from faculty sponsor (if a student proposal) indicating strengths of the idea and willingness to serve as sponsor, not more than 2 paragraphs long. This can be emailed separately to the Program Director if the letter writer prefers.

5) A **resume** of the proposer not more than 2 pages long.

6) **Additional supporting and explanatory documentation** is welcome, if concise. Check with the Program Director for appropriateness.

Note: If your project or creative activity involves human or animal subjects, we will need documentation for **IRB clearance**.

For questions on the application process, allowable expenses, or review process, please contact Brendan Fisher, Director of the Environmental Program, brendan.fisher@uvm.edu