



FLEPPC JULIA MORTON INVASIVE PLANT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 27, 2009

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) has available funding for a small number of research grants/scholarships for students conducting studies related to invasive exotic plant management in Florida.

The deadline for proposal submission is February 27, 2009. Written proposals should be no more than three pages in length, include detailed methods for the research to be conducted, and should request funding for no more than \$2,500. The proposal should include a summary of the research project and its relationship with Florida exotic pest plant management problems. Particular plant species involved in the study should be one or more of the Category I or Category II exotic pest plant species listed by FLEPPC (see: www.fleppc.org). In addition, the applicant should provide complete contact information and a detailed budget, with an explanation of how the funding will be used. Examples include (but are not limited to) travel funds for field work, funds for research equipment or supplies (or temporary use of specialized equipment), a stipend for applicant's project work time not otherwise supported, travel funds for presentation of the research at the annual FLEPPC meeting, etc. In developing the budget, funds requested are to be used for the direct costs of conducting research on the proposed project and are not to be used for indirect costs incurred by the student's university.

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the critical management need for scientific results in the area of study and on the clarity of the submitted request.

Basic eligibility requirements:

To be eligible for funding, applicants must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at an accredited institution of higher learning anywhere within the United States. However, the research must be on a listed Florida invasive plant (<http://www.fleppc.org/list/list.htm>). An accompanying letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor is strongly encouraged.

Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. 2/27/09. Send proposals by e-mail to: Dr. Betsy Von Holle, vonholle@mail.ucf.edu