



FIU FOREVERGLADES SCHOLARSHIP

- ELIGIBILITY-

The FIU ForEverglades scholarships are open to full-time graduate research students from Florida International University (FIU) pursuing degrees in sciences and engineering. Cross-disciplinary research efforts are of special interest. Only graduate students from FIU are welcome to apply for the FIU ForEverglades Scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded to full-time graduate students enrolled in or accepted for admission to FIU who are pursuing Everglades restoration-related research in the Institute of Environment.

- AWARDS-

FIU ForEverglades scholarships provide up to \$25,000 for stipends, travel, and other research-related expenses. The number of scholarships and award amount depends on the number and quality of applications. The duration of this scholarship is set for 12 months.

- AREAS OF SPECIAL INTERESTS-

In general, the Everglades Foundation and the FIU Institute of Environment will support research related to Everglades restoration aimed at advancing our knowledge on Everglades physical, chemical or biological processes, or economic impacts of environmental changes.

- APPLICATION PROCESS -

FIU students applying for FIU ForEverglades Scholarship should work with their faculty advisors to route their proposals through FIU's Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) (<http://research.fiu.edu/proposal-preparation/>) via the for budget review and approval 10 days prior to submitting the proposal to the Everglades Foundation.

- APPLICATION PROCESS -

The application for The Everglades Foundation ForEverglades Scholarship should contain the following:

- A 1 page cover letter (student's name, university, department, advisor, proposal title, scholarship program of interest, contact information, and document list).
- Proposal describing the research that the scholarship would support (no more than 5,000 words including bibliography). The proposal is to clearly emphasize the expected contributions to Everglades research and relevance to Everglades restoration.
- Research budget and itemized justification detailing the proposed expenditure from scholarship.
- Timeline of proposed research activities.
- A personal essay of no more than 2 pages on the candidate's career goals and how the scholarship will support those goals and contributions.
- A curriculum vitae.
- Academic transcripts (unofficial transcripts are allowed).
- Other relevant or supporting work products or documentation (such as published papers, presentations, awards, etc.) could optionally be included.
- A letter of reference from the student's major professor including student's status in the graduate program (admitted, candidacy).
- Two other academic/professional letters of reference (preferably from investigator(s) currently engaged in Everglades research).

- THE SELECTION PROCESS -

All applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of representatives of FIU, as well as representatives from the Everglades Foundation to determine the research impact and potential contribution of the work to Everglades restoration. Recommendations from leading professors and investigators currently active in Everglades research are important. Other factors include the applicant's prior research and/or publication record, academic performance, the personal essay, and the interdisciplinary nature of the research.

- DEADLINE-

Applications will be accepted until July 31, 2021. Awards will be announced no later than September 30, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted.



- SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS-

After receiving the Everglades Foundation FIU ForEverglades Scholarship, recipients will be expected to update the Everglades Foundation every 6 months on their academic progress, research results and relevant activities. Recipients may be interviewed occasionally for Everglades Foundation and FIU newsletters, and their research will be publicly disseminated.

FIU ForEverglades scholars should provide the following deliverables from their individual projects:

- A final report (scientific or technical paper) due one month after the termination date of the scholarship at the latest. The report should be in the format of a high quality scientific research paper approved by the faculty supervisor.
- Present research results at a seminar series organized by the Everglades Foundation and at FIU's FCE LTER and/or CREST Annual meetings. (The latest results obtained while conducting Everglades-related research).

The Everglades Foundation reserves the right of access to all data or metadata generated by the project. All publications (peer reviewed journal articles, conference papers, technical reports, thesis/or dissertation) or presentations resulting from this program should acknowledge the Everglades Foundation and FIU Institute of Environment for supporting their research through the FIU ForEverglades scholarship. A copy of any such publication should be emailed to the Everglades Foundation.

- SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION-

Completed applications should contain items 1-8 above in a single PDF file named "StudentLastName_ForEverglades.pdf. Letters of reference should be in PDF format named "StudentLastName_ForEverglades_Reference_RecommenderLastName.pdf" and emailed directly from the recommender. Applications and references should be emailed to scholarships@evergladesfoundation.org.

