**Research Grant Application**

**Project Title:**

**Date:**

**Primary Contact/Project Manager:**
**Title or Major, and Department:**
**Phone:**
**Email:**

**Primary Faculty or Staff Advisor/Mentor (if student is primary contact):**
**Title & Department:**
**Phone:**
**Email:**

**STOP!**

**Before filling out this application, please remember to...**

1. Refer to the “[Final Application Guide](http://go.gmu.edu/PGFFinalGuide)” for help understanding the questions in this application and instructions for submitting your budget proposal and stakeholder spreadsheet;

2. Keep the total length to 5 pages or less;

3. Get permission from PGF Program Manager to proceed with the application process; and

4. Copy and paste from your preliminary application if the information has not changed.

***I have received approval from the PGF Program Manager to complete and submit my Final Application to the Patriot Green Fund for review.***

**Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Research Description**

**1. Provide an abstract (up to 300 words) that describes the scholarly, original, interdisciplinary, or unique nature of the project.**

**2. What is the scope of your study? Please include detailed a detailed timeline that includes information about when you expect to start and end your project.**

**3. Briefly describe the expected significance of your research and how you (and your faculty advisor) hope to advance the field of sustainability.**

**4. Which categories of environmental sustainability does your research encompass?**

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*Use the categories provided to choose which area(s) of sustainability will be impacted, and then provide a short write-up of your own to describe how the project affects or studies the categories you chose.*

[ ]  Education Programs [ ] Green Building [ ] Green Dining [ ] Green Living
[ ]  Green Transportation [ ] Recycling and Waste Minimization [ ]  Sustainable Food Systems

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[ ]  Sustainable Landscaping [ ]  Storm Water Management [ ]  Energy

**5. What social and/or economic aspects of sustainability might your project impact positively?**

**6. Explain your motivations for participating in this research project and how your research contributes to the development of your educational and future plans.**

**Cost and Measurements**

**7. Does this project have additional funding sources?**

*Reminder: Research projects requesting over $5,000 are strongly encouraged to apply for other grants and/or obtain funding from other Mason departments.*

**8. Please provide an estimated budget of the project, with estimated costs.**
Please use this link to download the template for the draft budget proposal:

<http://go.gmu.edu/PGFBudgetandTeam>

**Project Team and Approach**

**9. Please identify the research lead and persons who will be working on your project whether directly or as approvers, advisers, or stakeholders (people or departments that could be impacted by your project).**

*In the same spreadsheet that is linked in question 8, there is a tab on the bottom of the document labeled “Team and Stakeholder Sheet” where you can provide these details.*

**10. What benefits are your team members gaining from their participation in this project? (If volunteers feel they are getting a real benefit from the project, they are more likely to stick around to completion).**

**11. How do you intend to share your research with the Mason community after it is completed (for example, you can share your progress on social media outlets or create an article for a newsletter or the Fourth Estate)?**

**Administrative Questions**

*The following questions are optional and will not affect funding decisions. Skipping the question will indicate that you decline. If you choose to answer, please check the box and type out your initials as a digital signature to confirm your agreement.*

1. [ ]  **Please check this box if the PGF Committee may share your completed application for educational purposes or with current or future Mason students, staff, or faculty who may be interested in your project or research with your name removed from the documents.**

*If you agree, please type out your initials here as your confirmation:*  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

1. [ ]  **Please check this box if the PGF Committee may share your name and Mason email with current or future students, staff, or faculty who may be interested in your project or research and would like to reach out for more information.**

*If you agree, please type out your initials here to sign as your confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

1. [ ]  **Please check this box if we may feature your name and picture on the PGF website or Office of Sustainability social media outlets as being associated with this project should you receive funding.**

*If you agree, please type out your initials here to sign as your confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*