

**The Northwest Ecological Research Institute's (NERI's) 2019 Brenda McGowan Grant Application  
For Neglected Corners and Niches of Ecology**

NERI (<http://www.nweri.org/>) is offering a \$1,000 grant to an individual in honor and memory of Brenda McGowan, a NERI supporter and co-founder of the Herbert Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project in 1987 ([www.prescottbluebird.com](http://www.prescottbluebird.com)).

Purpose: To enable an individual or team to conduct research in support of NERI's mission statement:

*The purpose of NERI is to further knowledge of Pacific Northwest natural history  
through research, training, and dissemination of information.*

The target recipient is looking into out-of-the-main-stream research, into the neglected corners and niches of ecology.

Application Requirements: 1 page maximum (excluding references) stating the following:

1. Project Name and Keyword(s) (maximum of 5)
2. Applicant's Name and contact information (including mailing address)
3. Affiliation and position
4. Project Purpose / Summary / Scientific Rationale  
(references to existing literature are encouraged – not included in 1 page maximum)
5. Budgeted days or hours for project by personnel and any expenses for reimbursement – in other words, how long will the project take and how much is the project estimated to cost?

<b>Project Information</b>	<b>Budgeted Hours</b>	<b>Labor Costs</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
Brenda McGowan Grant Request			
Overall Project Cost			
Total			

6. Project reference contact information (name, position/relationship, phone number, email). The reference should be someone who knows about the project or would be helping to advise or discuss the results of the project.
7. 1-page reference letter (desired but not required). Providing a character reference is secondary and not the primary intent of this request.

Ranking Criteria:

1. Is this an underserved, niche research project?
2. Will the project answer an important question that will result in new knowledge?
3. Will this information be of use to other researchers, biologists, educators, natural resource agencies, and/or the conservation community?
4. Is NERI the best (or only) funding group for this project? Are other sources of funding being sought?

Application Deadlines:

Announcement: November 4, 2018; Submittal by December 21, 2018; Awarded by February 2, 2019

Grant Requirement:

Upon receipt of award, grantee agrees to provide a presentation of project results, either by preparing a brief (5 page maximum) report, verbally presenting to a NERI meeting or at a scientific meeting, or by publishing in a scientific newsletter or other environmental publication. Deadline: January 31, 2020.

Submit application and any questions to: [info@nweri.org](mailto:info@nweri.org). Previous applicants are encouraged to re-apply.

NERI is a 501(c)3 organization and NERI volunteer members (associates and officers)  
are available to assist with grant writing and other support.