



# rare Project Application

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## **NOTE TO APPLICANTS**

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Thank you for your interest in collaborating with **rare**! We are a community-driven land trust and environmental research institute based in Cambridge, Ontario. We welcome diverse forms of inquiry that contribute to environmental conservation, research and education. **Eligible projects must have an environmental focus and will utilize rare as a field site, case study or in some other capacity.**

Completion of this application and receipt of a permit from **rare** is required before any project work begins. Applications are welcome year-round. We recommend that you contact **rare's** Conservation Scientist ([research@raresites.org](mailto:research@raresites.org), 519-650-9336 x111) prior to submitting this application to discuss your project details and requirements, and to schedule a site visit if needed.

Applications are reviewed to ensure they fall within the scope of **rare's** mandate and to minimize the risk of harm to the environment. Additional information may be requested as needed. We recommend that you submit applications at least four weeks in advance of your anticipated start date to allow sufficient time for review and revision, if required.

Use "N/A" for any fields that do not apply. Please submit completed applications by email to **rare's** Conservation Scientist ([research@raresites.org](mailto:research@raresites.org)).

## **1. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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**Name:**

**Email:**

**Telephone:**

**Social media:**

**Institutional affiliation:**

**Degree being pursued:**

**Department and faculty:**

**Supervisor/mentor:**

**Personnel and vehicles.** Please list any other personnel who may work with you on **rare** property and the license plates of any vehicles that may be used during that time.



## 2. PROJECT INFORMATION

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**Project title:**

**Primary subject areas (check all that apply):**

Natural sciences

Social sciences

Arts

**Discipline/area of specialization (e.g., biogeochemistry, ecology, sculpture, music):**

**Proposed start date for work at rare:**

**Proposed end date for work at rare:**

**Anticipated end date for overall project/degree (if applicable):**

**Plain language summary and rationale (max 150 words).** Briefly describe your project in plain language that is suitable for learners of all ages. Be sure to include (a) the purpose of the project, (b) the general approach that you will be using, and (c) the expected benefits for **rare** and environmental research/conservation more broadly. Please note that this summary may be used on the **rare** website and in other communication materials.



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**Project outline (max 2 pages).** Provide an outline of your project including (if relevant) project purpose, methodology, sample sizes, material to be collected, equipment, analysis/interpretation, communication plans for results, and expected benefits. Additional details may be requested as needed.





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**Anticipated location(s).** Describe the location of any work to be completed on **rare** property, including GPS coordinates if available. If the location is still undetermined, describe general site requirements for your project.

**Risks and impacts.** Describe any anticipated risks or negative impacts to **rare** habitats or wildlife (if any) and steps that will be taken to minimize these impacts.

**External permits/ethics approvals.** Indicate whether your project requires any additional external permitting or ethics approvals (e.g., animal care, human survey participation) and the status of these requirements (e.g., already obtained, pending). Copies of required permits must be provided to **rare** prior to starting your project.



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**rare involvement.** Do you require any additional involvement from **rare** for your project? (e.g., site selection, event promotion, volunteer recruitment, ecological data, facilities access, exhibition space, equipment, temporary accommodation, etc.).

### 3. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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**rare** supports graduate student projects through the competitive annual Ages Foundation Fellowship & Bursaries program. This scholarship program is offered once a year. Applications can be submitted between January 1 and April 1. Entering the scholarship competition requires applicants to have completed both a Project Application (this form) and a Scholarship Application (available online). If the scholarship competition is not open when you submit this Project Application, you may choose to submit a Scholarship Application later. See our website ([raresites.org](http://raresites.org)) for forms and more information.

Please indicate below whether you intend to apply for the Ages Foundation Fellowship & Bursaries scholarship program.

I am submitting a scholarship application with this project application during the scholarship submission window (January 1 to April 1)

I am planning to submit a scholarship application later

I will not be applying for the scholarship program

### 4. AGREEMENTS & SIGNATURES

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If your project is approved, you will receive a time-limited project permit. Applicants are also responsible for acquiring and providing **rare** with a copy of any required external permits prior to starting their work at **rare**. While working at **rare**, the applicant agrees to abide by all conditions stipulated in external and **rare**-granted permits.

**Applicant signature:**

**Date:**