



# FAIRFIELD OSBORN PRESERVE RESEARCH USE APPLICATION

DATE SENT:

DATE RECEIVED:

Please send application via email to Preserve Director ([rank@sonoma.edu](mailto:rank@sonoma.edu)) & Manager ([fairfield.osborn@sonoma.edu](mailto:fairfield.osborn@sonoma.edu))  
Or mail to: Nathan Rank, Department of Biology, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park CA 94928, with a copy to  
Preserve Manager, Fairfield Osborn Preserve, 6543 Lichau Road, Penngrove, CA, 94951 Phone: (707) 795 5069

## 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S TITLE OR ACADEMIC STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADVISOR (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTION (Do not abbreviate): \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT (Do not abbreviate): \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

2. PROJECT DURATION DATES (Month/year to month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. REQUESTED ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES (Exact dates of use)

## 4. FULL PROJECT/THESIS TITLE (Do not truncate):

IF FOR DEGREE:  BA  MA  Ph.D.

Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**5. STATEMENT OF PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT.** (Include location of field areas, animal and plant populations that may be affected by the proposed research (maps available upon request), and any other resources needed during the project. Any potential disturbances to the Preserve's ecosystem or cultural resources, including all experimental manipulations, collections, and the introduction of any species or genotypes, must be clearly described. The application will be evaluated using the following considerations: potential impacts to natural systems; potential impacts to present or future long-term use of Preserve for research or instructional purposes; compliance with state and federal law and any stated Preserve research policies; scientific merit and feasibility; funding constraints; potential conflicts with on-going Preserve research programs; and availability of alternative sites. Please type or print clearly.)

**6. CONTRACT/GRANT INFORMATION:** (Please check all that apply to your project)

- PROJECT IS SELF-FUNDED.
- PROJECT IS CURRENTLY BEING SUPPORTED BY A CONTRACT(S) OR GRANT(S)
- A CONTRACT(S) OR GRANTS(S) APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED.
- A CONTRACT(S) OR GRANT(S) APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE FUTURE.

If this project is currently being supported by a contract(s) or grant(s), please complete the following for each award received (attach additional sheets, if needed). If you receive funding for your project in the future, please update the Preserve Director.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PI'S AFFILIATION (Do not abbreviate): \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR (Do not abbreviate): \_\_\_\_\_

AWARD AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE AWARD GRANTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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PROJECT DURATION DATES (Month/year to month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

GRANT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FULL PROJECT TITLE (Do not truncate):

**7. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Please read and answer the following items carefully. Researchers will not be allowed access to the Preserve until they obtain the appropriate permit(s), or the Preserve has been informed by the agency(ies) involved that no permits are required for the project described in this application. It is the user's responsibility to obtain the appropriate permit(s) and to provide the Preserve Director with a copy. Please discuss permit requirements with the Preserve Director.

- A) Does your project involve vertebrate animals?  Yes  No
- If "Yes," indicate all that apply:  Reptile  Amphibian  
 Fish  Bird  Mammal
- Will any animal be captured?  Yes  No
  - Will any animal be held longer than 12 hours?  Yes  No
  - Will any animal be held longer than 24 hours?  Yes  No
  - Will any birds be banded and/or color marked?  Yes  No
  - Will any animal's skin be broken (needles, tags, surgery, etc.)?  Yes  No
  - Will any animal's movement in the environment be restricted?  Yes  No
  - Is there potential for any animal's behavior to be altered?  Yes  No
  - If this is a renewal, has there been any change in the project?  Yes  No  N/A

Before beginning a research project involving the use of vertebrate animals, you must receive approval from the animal care committee at your home institution. (This is often the same committee that oversees the care of laboratory animals.) Please append written approval to this application.

B) Does your project involve collecting (including banding and/or color marking) vertebrate wild animals?

Yes  No

If "Yes," you will need to obtain a scientific collecting permit from the California Department of Fish and Game. Please append permit.

Does your project involve the collection, banding, and/or color marking of birds?

Yes  No

If "Yes," you will need a federal permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Please append permit.

Does your project involve working with plants or animals that are California state listed species of special concern, threatened, or endangered species?

Yes  No

If "Yes," you will need to obtain a memorandum of understanding (MOU) from the California Department of Fish and Game. Please append permit.

Does your project involve working with plants or animals that are Federally listed threatened or endangered species?

Yes  No

If "Yes," you need to obtain a federal permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Please append permit. PERMITS CAN TAKE AT LEAST 30 DAYS TO BE APPROVED, SO CALL IMMEDIATELY FOR AN APPLICATION.

**8. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:**

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. FAIRFIELD OSBORN PRESERVE POLICIES**

- If the research application is approved, the user must comply with all applicable regulations and provide all required state and federal permits. Researchers must notify the Preserve office (707.795.5069) before visits and park inside the Preserve. Researchers agree not to collect samples or souvenirs, or to disturb organisms or archeological sites unless expressly allowed under the terms of the research application. Camping and building of fires are not allowed on the property.
- All publications resulting from the use of Fairfield Osborn Preserve must acknowledge Sonoma State University and the Preserve. Please submit two copies of all publications (only one bound copy of a thesis or dissertation is required) to the Preserve Director.
- Domestic animals are not permitted at the Preserve, unless they are part of an approved research project or are necessary to help a disabled user. Please notify the Preserve Manager if you have a special need.
- Firearms and weapons are forbidden at Fairfield Osborn Preserve.
- All users are requested to leave the land and any facilities cleaner than you found them. At the completion of the project, all evidence will be completely removed from the Preserve, unless written approval is granted.

I have read and agree to abide by the use policies listed above, and am aware that it is my responsibility to disseminate this information to all members of my party.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Preserve Director's Approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\* Receipt of application via email is comparable to applicant's signature.