



THE CLAY MINERALS SOCIETY 2026 RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Complete and submit this Application Form and a 1-page CV or resume by e-mail to cms@clays.org **to arrive at the CMS Office by Monday, March 9, 2026**. Ask two faculty evaluators each to e-mail a completed Confidential Applicant Appraisal form directly from their own e-mail address.

Name of Applicant: _____

Title of Research Proposal: _____

E-mail/Phone of Application: _____

Name of College/University: _____

Project is part of: MS _____ PhD _____ BS _____ Other (Specify) _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Have you previously received a CMS Student Research Grant? Yes No

If yes, list the grant title(s) and the date(s) awarded: _____

Briefly state how receiving this research grant would benefit you professionally:

List any other grants (including funds available to project supervisor) that have supported this project, are currently supporting this project, or are being applied for:

Year Applied	Agency Applied To	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Use of Funds (be general)

BUDGET	Amount Budgeted	Amount Requested

Total amount requested from CMS (not to exceed \$3,000) _____

Contact information for faculty evaluators:

	Faculty Evaluator 1	Faculty Evaluator 2
Name:	_____	_____
Address:	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Phone/fax:	_____	_____
E-mail:	_____	_____

Applicant Signature

Date

Title of Research Project (Centered)

Using this as a template, describe your proposed research project. Address each topic concisely. The total project description **may not exceed 2 pages of text** using this template with 1" (2.5 cm) margins, 12 pt font, single-spaced paragraphs, and 12 pt line spacing before each paragraph (including headings). Up to one additional page for a figure may be included, but the figure caption must be contained in this two-page description. **NOTE: Delete this text before submitting your application.**

Significance of Project

Introduce the importance of your project and expected results.

Background

Describe the background of the overall research project, the problem(s) being addressed and how your study will advance the field from work already completed in this area.

Objectives

Discuss the specific objectives of your research project and briefly explain how you plan to achieve these objectives (i.e., what questions do you plan to answer?). Discuss the overall research approach you are using.

Description of Work

Discuss the specific tasks to be performed using the CMS funding. Provide details about the methods or procedures to be employed in the project. Discuss how this work relates to the objectives above. Discuss the impact on the overall objectives if the CMS funding were not available (e.g., how would you achieve your objectives in the absence of CMS funding?).

CV or Resume

Following the project description, attach a 1-page CV or resume that includes a summary of your educational and professional background, significant accomplishments, awards, and a list of publications and presentations.

The format for the CV is optional, but it must be legible in printed form. Note that the CV is in addition to the two-page limit for the proposal description.

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2026 APPRAISAL FORM FOR CMS STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT

The individual listed below is applying for a Student Research Grant from The Clay Minerals Society. This grant may be for up to \$3,000 in support of research in the clay sciences.

Please complete this evaluation and e-mail to cms@clays.org or mail (address above or give it to the student in a sealed envelope to include with the completed proposal package) to arrive by **Monday, March 9, 2026**.

1. Name of student applicant: _____

2. Name of referee: _____

3. Professional title of referee: _____

4. Business address of referee: _____

5. Business phone of referee: _____

6. Please rank the applicant in relation to other students with whom you have worked:

Lower 50% _____ Upper 50% _____ Upper 25% _____ Upper 10% _____ Upper 5% _____

7. To what extent did the student applicant originate the objectives and design of the project?

8. Please evaluate the objectives and design of the student's project.

9. Please evaluate the student applicant. If you are recommending more than one applicant, please compare them.

Signature

Date