

## Edwin S. George Reserve Research Permit Application

**Please follow form instructions carefully.**

Applications and project descriptions can be submitted electronically.

Submit via email to Robyn J. Burnham, ESGR Director – [rburnham@umich.edu](mailto:rburnham@umich.edu) and cc to Michael Ehnis – [ehnism@umich.edu](mailto:ehnism@umich.edu)

**1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

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

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

ADVISOR (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (cell preferred) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**2. FULL PROJECT or THESIS TITLE (do not truncate):**

**3. FUNDING:**

FUNDING SOURCE:  Department/unit  University  State  Federal  Private

DESCRIPTION:

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

**5. NAMES OF ASSOCIATES AND ASSISTANTS WHO WILL WORK WITH YOU:**

**6. ATTACH a detail project description including the following:  
(please indicate each topic, stating NONE where appropriate)**

- I. A project synopsis, including purpose (graduate thesis, independent study, etc.), specific objectives, and complete methodology.
- II. Location of research area(s) (Describe areas using quadrats from map included; mark on map for hardcopy).
- III. Animal and plant populations that may be affected by the proposed research and any resources needed during the project.
- IV. Any potential disturbances to the ESGR ecosystem, including all experimental manipulations, collections, and the introduction of any species or genotypes, must be clearly described.
- V. Will marking material be needed (flagging, pvc, rebar, etc)?
- VI. Will any resources be needed from ESGR (data, equipment, etc)?

**7. WILL YOUR PROJECT INVOLVE VERTEBRATE ANIMALS?**  YES  NO

If yes, then you must also have approval **on file** from the University of Michigan Committee on the Use and Care of Animals (UCUCA, <http://www.ucuca.umich.edu>) before beginning your project.

UCUCA approval# \_\_\_\_\_ (must be posted in your ESGR work area)

**Research publications should acknowledge the ESGR. A copy of any publication or thesis resulting from work at the ESGR should be sent to Robyn J. Burnham, the ESGR director, for reference and archiving.**

**8. PAYMENT OF FEES:**

Research fees will be billed to your account upon completion of research for the current year. A fee schedule is available on the ESGR website (<http://sites.lsa.umich.edu/esgr/>). Non-UM researchers need to contact Michael Ehnis in the Herbarium (ehnis@umich.edu) to make arrangements for payments prior to starting research on the ESGR.

UM researchers can use UM Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. HOUSING ON THE ESGR:**

Housing is available if your research necessitates overnight stays on the ESGR. A separate application form (with fee schedule) for housing must be filled out, sent to the director and to Michael Ehnis (form available on ESGR website).

**10. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:**

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

**11. USE POLICIES OF THE ESGR**

- I. Domestic animals (dogs, cats, etc.) are *not* permitted on the ESGR.
- II. Firearms are *not* permitted on the ESGR.
- III. Alcoholic beverages are *not* permitted on the ESGR.
- IV. Upon entering the ESGR, consult notice boards which may be placed near the North and South gates for seasonal warnings about deer harvesting, hazardous road conditions, fire danger, etc.
- V. Gates must be closed and locked both after entering and after leaving the ESGR. Gates are not to be left open unattended for any reason.
- VI. Climbing on or over the ESGR fence is prohibited. It is dangerous and invites trespassing by the public.
- VII. Driving should be limited to the main (Esger) road unless use of secondary roads is necessary. Under no circumstances should vehicles be driven off roads. In spring and fall, particularly, secondary roads may be impassable. If you get stuck, it will be necessary to call a garage in Pinckney for service *at your own expense*.
- VIII. Keep a speed limit of 20 miles per hour *or less* on the main road and 10 miles per hour on secondary roads.
- IX. Please avoid blocking ESGR roads with parked cars. If it is not necessary to take your car on the ESGR, parking areas are available just outside the South gate and just inside the North gate.
- X. Camping and picnicking are not permitted on the ESGR without prior approval.
- XI. Researchers should minimize their disturbance of the Reserve's natural condition. Animals or plants should not be taken into the ESGR from outside, nor removed from the ESGR, without permission from the Director.
- XII. Stakes, markers, and pieces of equipment found on the ESGR should be left undisturbed.
- XIII. All stakes, markers, or pieces of equipment you bring onto the ESGR must be removed upon completion of your research unless prior written approval is obtained from the Director.
- XIV. All researchers are encouraged to make available data sets derived from their work on the ESGR (after publication) that can be archived (with appropriate metadata) as part of the long-term database on the ESGR.
- XV. Publications resulting from the use of the ESGR must acknowledge the ESGR. Please submit a hard copy of all publications generated from work on the ESGR to the Director.
- XVI. Failure to observe these rules may result in withdrawal of permission to use the ESGR.

**I understand that by signing this form I agree to comply with the General Policies and Use Policies of the Edwin S. George Reserve as described herein. The ESGR administrators reserve the right to change any of these policies at any time.**

NAME (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_