

**2026 DENNIS L. KRUSAC AND JACQUELINE J. BELWOOD
STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD
(draft 9/29/25)**

Checklist and Deadlines

The completed application, including letters of recommendation, should be submitted electronically in PDF format to the SBDN Awards Committee (neotoma@uga.edu) by **11:59 pm EST on 15 December 2025**. Items 1-5 should be sent as a single PDF document by the applicant.

A completed application consists of:

1. **Proposal Abstract** (200-word maximum; on a separate page) that summarizes the items listed below in the Project Narrative.
2. **Project Narrative** (3-page maximum; 12-point Arial type; 1-inch top, bottom, and side margins; single column format), to include:
 - Title
 - Introduction
 - Background/context/need for the project
 - Objectives/questions or hypotheses to be addressed
 - Research description
 - Materials & Methods (including field sites and field schedule)
 - Potential significance and application of results
 - Project timeline
3. **References Cited** (1-2 separate pages)
4. Summary of **SBDN Budget Request, Additional Funding Sources, and Already-available Support** (1-2 separate pages)
5. **Curriculum Vitae** (2-page maximum)
6. **2 Letters of Recommendation,**
 - From, and sent, by the applicant's advisor
 - Should acknowledge that the advisor has approved and will supervise the proposed research, including budget, and that all requirements necessary to carry out the project have been procured.
 - Should address the applicant's qualifications.
 - From, and sent by, another individual well-acquainted with the applicant and their qualifications

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