



APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH IN BAXTER STATE PARK

Baxter State Park (BSP) provides valuable opportunities for scientific research and study. The BSP Authority welcomes scientific research that will assist it in understanding the park's natural and cultural systems in order to preserve, protect and maintain the park, and which may provide a basis for comparison with other natural systems or changes over time. Applications for research are reviewed by the BSP Research Committee.

Complete applications to conduct research in Baxter State Park (BSP) must include:

- Research/study title
- Application submission date
- Name(s), title(s), and affiliation(s) of Principle Investigator(s)
- Name(s), title(s), and affiliation(s) of key project personnel and collaborators
- A brief summary of all researchers' credentials, including relevant experience conducting research in wilderness/backcountry settings. CVs or resumes may be included as attachments in addition to the summaries.
- A description of the proposed research (limited to 3 pages), including:
 - Research objectives and hypotheses to be tested
 - Study sites in the Park and how they will be accessed, and other logistical considerations (crew size, accommodation needs)
 - Data collection methods
 - Time table for research and project completion, including dates of interim and final reports to BSP
 - Data and specimen archiving plan with access for BSP
 - Expected final products (e.g., published journal articles, maps, web-based applications)
 - Funding sources. If the work is partially or fully grant funded, successful grant application(s) must be appended.
 - Citations (not subject to the 3 page limit).
- Answers to the following questions:
 - Does this research require work in Baxter State Park specifically? (i.e., can the research objectives be accomplished without work in BSP?).
 - What impacts will the research have on the natural resources, operations, and visitors of the Park (including both known and potentially unintended impacts)?
 - What benefit will the research have for Baxter State Park?
 - Will the proposed research involve collection of natural materials? If so, explain why it is essential to the study and how its impacts will be minimized.
 - Will the proposed research require a waiver to any park rules, regulations, or policies (besides the collection of natural materials)? If so, explain why the waiver is essential to the study and how negative impacts will be avoided. Refer to the park website for the rules and regulations (baxterstatepark.org/rules-and-permits).