

Maxwell | Hanrahan Funding at Cranberry Lake Biological Station

Application Opens: November 15, 2026

Application Deadline: February 15, 2027

About the Cranberry Lake Biological Station

The Cranberry Lake Biological Station (CLBS) is located in the heart of the Adirondack Park, on the ancestral lands of the Mohawk Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. As a regional campus of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF), it has been in use as a living classroom for over 100 years. CLBS provides opportunities for place-based research, education, contemplation, and creative endeavors.

About the Funding

Competitive funding granted by the Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation is available for undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral researchers interested in conducting research at CLBS. Small grants may cover room and board at CLBS, research supplies, and/or researcher stipends.

The online application form (posted to CLBS website) opens on November 15th each year, to support research planned for the following field season. Applications are due by February 15th for consideration in first-round funding. Determinations on first-round applications will be communicated by March 15th. Applications submitted after February 15th will be reviewed on a rolling basis following March 15th should funds be available.

- **Eligibility:** Undergraduate students, graduate students, and post-doctoral researchers with and without an affiliation to SUNY ESF are eligible to apply
- **Funding:** Maximum award per application is \$4,000.
- **Payment:** Funds awarded that are not used to cover room and board are disbursed via a lump-sum payment from the College Foundation to the applicant.

Application Details

The application is hosted through an online form. The required information for the application is provided below. You cannot save your application, please be prepared to submit all information.

The application will contain the following in one PDF file:

1. Project Statement no longer than two pages outlining the research topic (background information, rationale, objectives, methods, and significance of

research) and alignment with CLBS strategic research initiatives (listed on [the CLBS Research webpage](#)).

2. Please upload a Budget detailing project expenses and rationale for requested funding. Examples of allowable expenses include:
 - Salaries, calculated as anticipated hours of work (generally ~\$21/hour for graduate students and \$16/hour for undergraduate technicians)
 - Room, board, and station fees at CLBS (see [CLBS 2026 Fees](#))
 - Research supplies, equipment, and consumables
 - Travel reimbursement expenses calculated at 62.5 cents/mi
 - Funding may not pay for contracted analyses
3. Your CV

Evaluation

The review committee consists of the following: two CLBS staff, and two to three additional faculty. If a committee member has a conflict of interest with an applicant (e.g., the applicant is an active collaborator or research student) then the committee member will recuse themselves from reviewing all applications in that round of review.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of committee decisions by March 15th.

Post Award

Successful applicants are encouraged to make their data publicly available post publication and to credit the funding in future presentations and publications, logos will be provided.