

**Application to National Science Foundation (NSF) International Research
Experiences for Students (IRES) Program:
Landscapes of Deep Time in the Red Earth of France: Research Training in Paleoclimate
Department of Geology & Geophysics
University of Oklahoma**

Complete Applications Include the Following Components:

- Completed application form (this form)
- Copy of undergraduate transcript
- Two letters of recommendation (to be emailed directly from referees)
- One-page (double-spaced) Statement of Research Interest (see below)

Applicant Name _____

Present Institution _____

Your phone number _____

Your E-mail _____

Contact Information (during academic year):

Address _____

Permanent Home Contact Information if different from above:

Home Address _____

If different from during academic year:

Phone _____ E-mail _____

If Applicable, Tribal Nation Affiliation _____

Are you the first member of your immediate family to attend college? Yes No

Academic Information:

Academic Major _____

Degree Objective Expected (circle one) B.A. B.S. Other _____

Expected Degree Date (as MM/YYYY) _____

Please include a copy of your undergraduate academic transcripts. Transfer students should include transcripts from all undergraduate institutions attended.

Overall GPA _____ Major GPA _____

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Letters of Reference:

Applicants should request letters of reference from two individuals able to comment on the applicant’s academic background and readiness to participate in a rigorous research experience at an international site. Typically, recommenders (referees) will be university faculty or active researchers. Recommenders may find it useful to have a copy of the student’s completed application before preparing their letter.

Reference letters should be submitted by the referees directly to the program at OU via email (franceires@ou.edu) or via US Mail (France-IRES / Dr. Lynn Soreghan / Geology and Geophysics / University of Oklahoma / 100 E. Boyd St SEC 710 / Norman, OK 73019).

Reference letters requested from: Name, Academic Affiliation (Department/Institution), Email

Reference 1) _____

Reference 2) _____

Statement of Research Interest: *(One page limit, double spaced, 11 or 12-point font)*

Describe your research interests relative to this Research Training in Paleoclimate Program. Please address the following:

- How will participation in this program benefit your academic training and how it will further your intended professional career? Include a description of any previous research work, and its relevance to this program. State whether the work you describe was part of an undergraduate independent study or honors project, a research experience acquired through employment, or other opportunity.
- In what ways do you think your background makes you an asset in the field/lab?
- IF a member of a tribal nation, state how you think participation in this program might benefit your tribal nation. Would you like to work for your tribal nation or another tribal organization?

How did you learn about this program? Please be as specific as possible (e.g., advertisement through a specific professional society, announcement through a faculty mentor or student club at your school, recommendation from former participant, etc.).

Applicant Certification and Signature:

I certify that the information provided in this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant’s Signature _____

Date _____