

**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)
- Undergraduate transcript (unofficial is fine, transfer students - include from all schools)
- Two letters of recommendation (emailed or mailed directly from referees of your choice)
- One-page (double-spaced) Statement of Research Interest (see below)

Applicant Name: _____

Present Institution: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your Email: _____

City, State during school year: _____

City, State permanent address (if different from above): _____

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident? Please specify which: _____

Are you a first-generation college student? _____

If applicable, what is your tribal affiliation? _____

If you identify with a different underserved/minority population, please list here: _____

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.). If announced via a faculty member or club, please (if you can) list where they heard about the opportunity as well.

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Academic Information

Are you an undergraduate student? (Circle one): Yes No

Expected Degree Date (as MM/YYYY): _____

Major (subject, and specify B.A. or B.S.): _____

Overall GPA _____ Major GPA _____ *Remember to include copy of unofficial transcript.

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 (specify if this work was part of an undergraduate 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 (or another) tribal organization?

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 _____