

**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)
- Official Undergraduate transcript (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 address (during school year and permanent if different): _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? _____

Are you a first-generation college student? _____

If applicable, what is your tribal affiliation? _____

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

How did you learn about this program? Please be as specific as possible (e.g., advertisement through a professional society, announcement through a faculty mentor/student club, heard from former participant). If from someone else, please list where they heard about the program.

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

Current year (e.g. freshman, sophomore, junior, senior): _____

Expected Degree Date (as MM/YYYY): _____

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

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

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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 (Lspfeifer@ou.edu) or via US Mail (Lily Pfeifer / Attn: France IRES / Geology and Geophysics / University of Oklahoma / 100 E. Boyd St SEC 710 / Norman, OK 73019) by the application deadline **February 1, 2019**.

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

Reference 1)

Reference 2)

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

Describe your research interests relative to this Research Training in Paleoclimate Program. A strong letter will address all of the following questions:

- 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?
- In what ways do you think your background/experience makes you an asset to the research team? Use examples of how you have been successful as a team player.
- Why specifically (based on information you have read on the website or heard about from talking with former participants) are you interested in participating in this research? What subdiscipline within geology are you most interested in (sedimentology, paleoclimate, volcanology, planetary studies)?

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
