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# Application Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request 2012-2013 Academic Year DEADLINE: Fall and Academic Year 3/31/12 Spring 2013 deadline is 10/31/12

Applications must first be sent to the appropriate program chair. Chairs will then recommend and route them to the Dean's Office for review and authorization. The Dean's Office will then forward them to the IRA Committee for consideration.

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Activity/Event Date(s): Late Spr Date Funding Needed By: January **Please Note that for Fall Requests to	
Please check if any of the following of Equipment Purchase  X Event  IT Requirements  International Travel  Space/OPC Requirements  Infrastructure/Remodel  Other	apply to your IRA:  □ Field Trip  □ Participant data collection for public dissemination, i.e. interviews/surveys that result is a journal/poster session/newsletter  □ Risk Management Consultation  □ Late Submission
Previously Funded: <b>X YES</b> ¬NO *If previously funded, please attach	
Does your proposal require IRB (Institu	utional Review Board) approval: <a>D</a> Yes X No
Assessment submitted for previously	Funded Activity: <b>X YES</b> ¬NO
Academic Program or Center Name	and Budget Code: <b>Biology-720</b>
Date of Submission: October 31, 201	2
Amount Requested: <b>\$6,500</b> (Should match item 2. E. on page 4)	

Estimated Number of Students Participating: 100

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#### **Conditions and Considerations**

**Equipment Purchase**-If requesting large equipment, Project Sponsor must show proof of correspondence with OPC Administration. <u>In addition, all other purchases must follow Procurement Guidelines.</u>

Events-For a large event, consultation with the events coordinator is recommended.

Participant Data Collection for Public Dissemination-If Project Sponsor proposes to conduct research with human participants then it may be subject to IRB (Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects) review. It is the Project Sponsor's responsibility to inquire with the IRB <u>prior</u> to IRA application submission to determine if the project is exempt from IRB review so that funding is not delayed. Please indicate on the cover page if your project is exempt from IRB review.

**Field Trip**-If approved, Identified Risks of Participation and Release Agreement must be submitted for each student to the Program Office (Public Folders-HR Forms).

IT Requirements-Requires proof of correspondence and approval from IT Administration

**International Travel**-Requires International Travel application be submitted to Center for International Affairs.

**Risk Management Consultation**-Requires proof of correspondence with Risk Management.

**Space/OPC Requirements, Infrastructure/Remodel**-Requires proof of correspondence with OPC Administration .

Late Submission - Requires explanation for emergency funding.

**Fiscal Management:** Project Sponsor's program will be responsible for all costs incurred over and above what is funded through the IRA award and will be responsible for seeing that any revenue that is intended to offset the amount of the IRA award is transferred accordingly.

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#### Requirements and Signatures

Please provide the following in your application:

1. **Brief Activity Description.** Describe the activity and its relationship to the educational objectives of the students' program or major.

The Biology/Geology Program is organizing a symposium for Spring 2013 entitled "Global Warming: Earth Has Been Here Before". A major regulator of Earth's climate is atmospheric carbon dioxide, which can have a variety of sources. The present global warming trend is widely attributed in scientific circles to the burning of fossil fuels, but global warming events in Earth's past have had other sources, including CO2 released during intense episodes of volcanic eruptions and methane gas released from the seafloor. Some events have been so severe as to trigger some of the greatest mass extinctions in the last 542 million years.

Study of the present global warming depends to a significant degree on modeling how the trend could develop, including changes in temperature, precipitation patterns, glacial and pack ice cover, and sea-level. Aspects of the modeling are derived from global warming events in Earth's past, among them how prolonged were the events and how Earth's climate system recovered.

The purpose of the symposium is to educate the campus community and the public about ongoing geologic research into global warming events in Earth history, and the application of that research to the present trend. Symposium talks will explore four major global warming events, their causes, their effects on the climate, atmosphere, ocean, and life, and their durations. These talks will also highlight both standard and recently developed techniques used to wrest information from the rock record. The final talk will feature a comparison of the present warming event with past episodes of intense volcanic CO2 release, in order to anticipate how the present trend may develop over the next several centuries.

2. **Relation to IRA to Course Offerings.** All IRAs must be integrally related to the formal instructional offerings of the University and must be associated with scheduled credit courses. Please list all classes that relate to the program proposed.

This symposium will be a required or elective component for a number of courses offered in the Biology/Geology Program, including: Geol 121 (Physical Geology), Geol 122 (Historical Geology), Geol 300 (Foundations of Earth Science), and Geol 321 (Environmental Geology). Chemistry faculty and students in Chem 250 (Quantitative Analysis), Chem 450 (Instrumental Analysis and Laboratory), and Chem 499 (Chemistry Capstone) may also find the symposium topics useful.

Faculty in Physics, ESRM, and other programs may find the topics interesting and relevant as well, and may recommend that their students attend the symposium.

Activity Assessment. Describe the assessment process and measures that the
program will use to determine if it has attained its educational goals. Please note
a report will be due at the end of the semester.

Students attending the seminar series will be given a questionnaire on the subject matter of the talks. The questions are to be answered and turned in toward assessment of the knowledge they gained from the seminar.

4. **Activity Budget.** Please enclose a complete detailed budget of the entire Activity **bold** specific items of requested IRA funding. (Page 4)

The requested funds are necessary to invite the well-known individual speakers that are listed on the attached program page. Five individuals will make up the final list of speakers. Most will be from California, such that \$1000 per speaker would sufficiently cover travel expenses and a suitable honorarium. The speaker who would give the key, final talk is located in Athens, Ohio; \$1500 is requested for him to cover the honorarium and the additional travel expenses. Additional funds are necessary to advertise the series to the local community, including newspapers, broadcast media, and other PR venues.

5. **Sources of Activity Support.** Please list the other sources of funding, and additional support for the activity.

IRA funding will support the event. Biology/Geology faculty members, staff, and student assistants will support the event with volunteer time and work as needed. Some supplies and refreshments for the symposium attendees will be provided by the Biology/Geology Program.

7. **Acknowledgment.** Project Sponsor and Program Chair acknowledge that they have reviewed and accepted the Conditions and Considerations detailed on page 2.

#### <u>Signatures and Dates</u>

Christopher Wheeler	 Oct. 31, 2012.  Date
Amy Denton	31 October 2012 Date
Karen Carey	10/3//, 2 Date

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#### ACTIVITY BUDGET FOR 2012-2013

Operating Expense Budget	
A. Supplies	
B. Vendor Printing	\$800 (including printing supplies)
C. In-State Travel	
D. Out-of-State Travel	
E. Equipment Rental	
F. Equipment Purchase	
G. Contracts/Independent Contrac	tors
H. Honorarium	\$5500 (includes travel)
I. OPC Chargeback	\$200
J. Copier Chargeback	
K. Other (Please Specify)	
TOTAL Expenses	\$6500
2. Revenue	
A. Course Fees B. Ticket Sales	
C. Out of Pocket Student Fees	
(exclusive of course fees)  D. Additional Sources of	
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And indicate source)	
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E.	Total	Req	ueste	d from	<b>IRA</b>

\$6500

#### **Proposed Program and Speakers**

The research scientists listed below have made significant recent contributions to the study of global warming events in Earth's past. They will be invited to make presentations at the symposium if this proposal is funded, but is likely that some will decline due to other commitments. Others of comparable stature will be substituted until five have committed to attend.

#### Warming following the Neoproterozoic snowball Earth.

**Frank A. Corsetti, Ph.D.**, is Associate Professor of Earth Sciences in the Department of Earth Sciences at University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. His research interests are the co-evolution of Earth and its biosphere using sedimentology, stratigraphy, and geochemistry. He is most noted for his studies of life during "Snowball Earth", which occurred about 700 million years ago.

#### The end-Permian global warming event.

**Jonathan L. Payne, Ph.D.**, is Associate Professor in paleontology and carbonate sedimentology in the Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences at Stanford University in Stanford, California. His research interests center on the causes of mass extinctions and the processes that control subsequent recovery of biodiversity and global ecosystems. He and his research group focus on the causes of the end-Permian and end-Triassic mass extinctions using sedimentology, geochemistry, and paleontology.

#### The Late Triassic global warming event.

Gregory J. Retallack, Ph.D., is Professor in paleobotany and paleosols in the Department of Geological Sciences at University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. His research interests center on fossil soils as monitors of climate change and as factors in the evolution and extinction of terrestrial biota. He authored a landmark paper on the use of stomata density on fossil Late Triassic leaves to reveal increased levels in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>.

#### The Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum.

James C. Zachos, Ph.D., is Professor in geology in the Earth and Planetary Sciences Department at the University of California-Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz, California. His research interests cover a wide variety of problems related to the biological, chemical, and climatic evolution of late Cretaceous and Cenozoic oceans. His focus since the 1990s has been the application of stable isotope and trace metal ratios to reconstruct the ocean temperature and chemistry for several episodes of extreme climates, including the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum.

#### Projection about the present global warming event

**L. David Kidder, Ph.D.**, is Associate Professor in geology in the Department of Geological Sciences, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. His research interests center on charaterization of the hothouse planetary state, which can be triggered by the eruption of a large igneous province (LIP). In addition to the thermal effects, he also examines the effects on ocean oxygenation, acidity, circulation, and nutrient availability. He and fellow geology professor T. R. Worsley published studies in 2004 on the end-Permian global warming event as a product of a LIP, in 2010 on a series of global warming events since 542 million years that may have been produced by LIPs, and in 2012 that applied that understanding to the present global warming trend.

### Instructional Related Activities Report Form

Sponsor	DEPARTMENT
Ruben Alarcon	Biology
ACTIVITY TITLE	DATE (S) OF ACTIVITY
Poe Symposium- Agriculture in the Golden State: Challenges in Feeding California in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	April 20, 2012

## PLEASE EXPLAIN (1) DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY; (2) HOW DID THE ACTIVITY RELATE TO A COURSE(S); AND (3) WHAT YOU LEARNED FROM THE PROCESS.

- 1) For the 8<sup>th</sup> Poe Science Symposium we invited 5 speakers, who are regional experts in various aspects of agriculture, to discuss the challenges facing growers along the Central Coast of California. The Aliso Hall Auditorium was filled with 137 students, staff and community members in attendance.
- 2) The symposium allowed students from various disciplines to learn how biological/environmental principles apply to real world situations. For example, Dr. Michael Cahn, from the UC Cooperative Extension-Monterrey, discussed the effects of precipitation and water use patterns on the ability of the Central Coast of California to pump enough water to grow food; decrease inputs and increase outputs will result in unsustainable systems. Students in my courses wrote summaries of each speaker's presentation.
- 3) Each speaker discussed their area of expertise. For example, Dr. Oleg Daugovish, from the UC Cooperative Extension-Ventura, presented his work on the challenges in controlling soil borne pathogens in strawberries, and how the loss of methyl bromide as a means of chemical control will make it extremely difficult for growers to continue to produce strawberries. Mr. Brett Chandeler, President of Associates Insectary, informed the audience that even "organic" fields are sprayed with pesticides. The only difference is that the compounds organic growers apply must be produced by an organism; however the compounds are just as toxic. Dr. Gordon Wardell, from Paramount Farms, explained to the audience the factors that are contributing to the drastic decline in honey bee populations due Colony Collapse Disorder.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please attach assessment forms from students, list of attendees, peoplesoft program report

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