



**LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMISSION  
2012 GRANT AWARDS  
(For Upcoming 2012-2013 School Year)**

K-12 TEACHER GRANTS				
TEACHER	PROJECT	SCHOOL	PARISH	AMOUNT
Linda Beyt	Cultivating Children's Natural Desire to Learn	L. Leo Judice Elementary School	Lafayette	\$ 2,000.00
Tera LaPrarie	Wet-N-Wild in Louisiana Animals	Alexandria Middle Magnet School	Rapides	\$ 2,000.00
Paul LeBlanc	Trait – Trouble	L.W. Higgins High School	Jefferson	\$ 1,859.00
Sandra Saye – Foucqueteau	Growing Coastal Roots	Upper Pointe Coupee Elementary School	Pointe Coupee	\$ 1,990.00
Judy Schmollinger	A Study of Sustainable Urban Gardening Techniques with Aeroponic Vertical Garden Systems	Thomas Jefferson High School	Jefferson	\$ 2,000.00
Janell Simpson	Creative Canopy Calculations	Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy	Jefferson	\$ 1,996.00
Kerry Quarton	Real Life Science	Batiste Cultural Arts Academy	Orleans	\$ 2,000.00
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS				
PROJECT LEADER	PROJECT	PARISHES SERVED	AMOUNT	
Missy Durham	Louisiana Environmental Education Pre-K Teacher Program (LEEPTP)	East Baton Rouge	\$ 2,490.00	
Amy G. Ouchley	Seeking Wonder: Linking Literature to Local Environments	Ouachita, Union, Lincoln, Morehouse, Richland, Franklin	\$2500.00	
RESEARCH GRANTS				
STUDENT	UNIVERSITY	PROJECT	AMOUNT	
Warwick Allen	Louisiana State University	Latitudinal gradients in tritrophic interactions between arthropod herbivores of <i>Phragmites australis</i> & their natural enemies	\$1000.00	
Ganesh P. Bhattarai	Louisiana State University	Latitudinal gradients in apparent competition between native & exotic genotypes of <i>Phragmites australis</i> & implication for invasion success	\$1000.00	
Anthony Chow	Louisiana State University	The direct & indirect effects of novel weapons, by an invasive haplotype of <i>Phragmites australis</i> , on the Susceptibility of Native <i>Phragmites australis</i> to herbivory	\$924.00	
Valerie Derouen	Louisiana State University & Agricultural & Mechanical College	Assessment of inquiry-based learning tools to improve environmental literacy among Louisiana's underserved high school students	\$1000.00	
Sandra P. Galeano	Louisiana State University	Ecological assembly of tropical leaf-litter frogs: Patterns & determinants at local scales	\$1000.00	
Jessica Renee Henkel	Tulane University	Effects of sea level rise on the migration ecology of shorebirds on the Northern Gulf of Mexico	\$1000.00	
Metha Klock	Louisiana State University	Soil-borne mechanisms of <i>Acacia</i> species invasions in California: Part II	\$1000.00	
Andrew Laughlin	Tulane University	The use of stable isotopes to infer the breeding origin of autumn-arriving Tree Swallows in Louisiana	\$1000.00	
Brittany Miller	University of Louisiana at Monroe	Isolation & characterization of phages of <i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>	\$1000.00	

Christopher Reid	Louisiana State University	Taxonomic studies in the genus <i>Cyperus</i> (Cyperaceae)	\$980.00
Matthew Robak	Tulane University	Effects of temperature on amphibian immunity & susceptibility to chytridiomycosis	\$1000.00
Julia Sonn	Tulane University	Impacts of climate & host behavior on an amphibian fungal pathogen	\$946.00
Jared Wolfe	Louisiana State University AgCenter	Measuring Bird demographics to determine the ecological value of small nature preserves in Baton Rouge, LA	\$1000.00