



# 2013 Rivers Institute Mini-Grant Guidelines

The \$100 mini grant offered to qualified Rivers Institute participants is made possible by generous funding from Medtronic, 3M and many others. The intent of the mini-grant is to help fund a field experience for students. Many teachers have identified transportation funding as a very real barrier to taking students on field trips or doing field studies. This mini-grant is our attempt to help you overcome this and perhaps other barriers to getting your students into the field to study the world around us.

Your lesson plan, a requirement to receive the mini grant, should include a specific description of how you will use the mini grant. We want to give you wide latitude in spending these funds, while maintaining the integrity and intent of the grant.

Please use the funds to pay for:

- Transportation to field sites
- Entrance fees at field sites
- Equipment and/or materials for field studies
- Field-based programs

While in some cases, texts or other printed materials may be appropriate expenditures, it is our preference that mini grant funds are not used for such reasons. Please check with the instructor before planning to spend the mini-grant funds for these materials.

Should you have any questions regarding the mini grant, contact Cara Rieckenberg at [crieckenberg01@hamline.edu](mailto:crieckenberg01@hamline.edu)