**University of Notre Dame Environmental Research Center (UNDERC-East)**

**Application to Conduct Research - Due March 1**

**Background**

Part of the mission of UNDERC is to facilitate important environmental research at the Land O’Lakes site. In order to coordinate research amongst investigators and maintain the facility for all users, proposed projects are reviewed for their scientific merit and also their potential impact on the site. This application requests information to facilitate review by a Science and Education Committee and the Land O’Lakes Advisory Board. Project approval may be requested for up to five years.

**I. Project Title:** Click here to enter title

[ ]  New Project

[ ]  Major change to existing project

**II. Contact Information:**

 Name: Click here to enter name

 Title: Click here to enter title

 Affiliation: Click here to enter affiliation

 Phone Number: Click here to enter phone number

Email: Click here to enter your email address

**III. Project Summary:**

Please briefly describe, in lay terms, the goal of the research; its importance; and the basic approach or study design, including timing, spatial extent, and duration of the proposed work.

Click here to enter your summary

**IV. Funding** - Please provide funded or pending proposals as an appendix to this application.

 [ ]  current [ ]  pending

Click here to enter funding source and duration

**V. Habitat(s) used:**

**[ ]** Lake1

[ ]  Forest

[ ]  Stream

[ ]  Meadow

[ ]  Wetland

[ ]  Bog

**V. Key project components:**

 [ ]  Use of vertebrate animals

 [ ]  Death of vertebrate animals

 [ ]  Use of invasive species already existing in proposed study area2

 [ ]  Addition/removal of organisms to/from the environment

 [ ]  Large-scale manipulation

 [ ]  Addition of chemicals or materials to the environment

 [ ]  Use of data collecting equipment that will be left in the field

 [ ]  Use of endangered/threatened species

**VI. Impact on the site:**

Consider both the potential impact of the proposed research on the ecosystem, as well as the impact on other users of the property, including pristine views and soundscapes.

[ ]  None/negligible

[ ]  Minimal

[ ]  Moderate

[ ]  Significant

In the box below justify your selection for site impact, and if you selected greater than negligible impact, describe the expected duration of recovery from the project’s impact.

Click here to enter your description

**1**Lakes available for sampling, and in some cases manipulation, include Bay, Bog Pot, Bolger, Brown, Crampton, Cranberry, Ed’s, Forest Service, Gilbert, Gillen, Hummingbird, Long, Morris, Mullahy, Nansen, North Gate, Paul, Peter, Reddington, Tender Bog, Tenderfoot, Tuesday, Ward, and Ziesnis. Access to other lakes (Bergner, Inkpot, Kickapoo, Moccasin, Plum, Raspberry, and Roach) is extremely limited.

2The use of invasive species not found in the proposed study area is not allowed.