**NATL Project Proposals**

**Good News! Many projects in NATL do not require approval! Please be sure you read the** [**rules page**](http://natl.ifas.ufl.edu/rules.php) **to see if you need to seek approval for your project.**

The following types of activities must be pre-approved by a NATL Committee:

* Activities that permanently alter the ecology of NATL.
* Activities that may interfere with others using NATL.
* Activities that may diminish the usefulness of NATL for teaching about ecology and biotic diversity.
* Activities in restricted areas that last longer than one semester and that are evident in the absence of the user (e.g., flags and stakes marking plots or transects).
* Activities that involve [studies of vertebrate animals](http://natl.ifas.ufl.edu/rules.php#verts) (including people).

To propose activities in NATL that require approval, use the form on the next page and send the completed form as an MS Word document attached to an email to natl@ufl.edu.

The following information is required:

Project title: Avoid unnecessary words and words known only to specialists.
e.g. Feeding behavior of carpenter ants **not** Initial studies of feeding behavior of *Camponotus* spp.

Estimated start date: Allow at least a week between the date of project submission and the start date.

Proposer’s name and UF email and sponsor’s name and UF email: Contact information for both the proposer and the faculty sponsor must be provided, *unless* the proposer is a faculty member or professional scientist.

Project description: Describe the purpose and methods of the project and its impact on NATL. Limit this to the space provided. If materials will be left in NATL for **more than one day**, to avoid removal by NATL staff, indicate how long they will remain and how they will be labeled (e.g., with your name or initials).

Location of materials to remain in NATL more than 1 day:

* *If the materials are to be at a single site*, you may verbally describe the location of that site by terms and identifiers that are on the [NATL grid map](http://natl.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/gridmapAll.pdf)
(e.g. position in a specified gridblock).
* *If the materials are to remain at multiple sites*, you must indicate the various locations on a copy of the [NATL grid map](http://natl.ifas.ufl.edu/docs/gridmapAll.pdf) that you attach to the email.
Two methods of making a grid map with locations indicated digitally are (1) Make x’s on a paper copy of a grid map and scan the result to digitize it and (2) Use software (e.g., Photoshop) to make x’s on the digital image of the grid map

**Form for NATL Project Proposals**(If the proposed project is to last longer than a semester, [additional requirements may apply](http://natl.ifas.ufl.edu/rules.php#restricted).)

**Project title:**

**Estimated start date: Estimated end date:**

**Proposer’s Name:**

**Academic classification and department:**

**UF e-mail address:**  @ufl.edu **Phone number(s):**

**Sponsor’s name** (must be a UF faculty member)**:**

**Department:**

**UF e-mail address:**  @ufl.edu **Phone number(s):**

**Project description** (please be concise)**:

Location of materials to remain in NATL more than 1 day:**