



## Joshua Tree National Park News Release

### Joshua Tree National Park Accepting Applications for Graduate Student Research Grants

Joshua Tree National Park Acting Superintendent Kevin Hendricks announced today that applications for the **2011 Robert Lee Graduate Student Research Grant at Joshua Tree National Park (Grant Program)** are available on the park's website at: <http://www.nps.gov/jotr/naturescience/research.htm> .

Research proposals should focus on some aspect of the natural or cultural resources of Joshua Tree National Park. **The application deadline is February 25, 2011.**

The purpose of the grant program is to support graduate students at accredited institutions in conducting independent research in Joshua Tree National Park. The program provides an opportunity to the student to demonstrate how their research can apply to land management issues as well as providing the park staff with a better understanding of the resources at Joshua Tree National Park. **Multiple grants of up to \$4,000** will be provided through the Joshua Tree National Park Association to assist students with field study expenses, including data analysis, lodging, transportation, field supplies, and research equipment. **Awards will be announced during the week of March 31, 2011.**

Grant recipients are required 1) to submit six-month progress reports to the Park; 2) to submit a final report that provides details of the study methods and conclusions to the Park; 3) to present their work at a suitable public forum, ideally in a locally available setting such as the Joshua Tree National Park Association's Desert Institute Lecture Series; and 4) to provide suitable content for the NPS website. Recipients are expected to complete all of the requirements of the grant within two years of the award.

To learn more about the grant program visit our website:  
(<http://www.nps.gov/jotr/naturescience/research.htm>).

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