

Small Gardens in Research – Tips & Resources

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Finding potential research partners

- [Morton Register of Arboreta](#) (ArbNet) - finding other arboreta
- [Collaborations Checklist](#) (ArbNet) - list of organization types (both plant and non-plant focused) that might want to collaborate on a plant-related project

Research project inspiration, ideas, & resources

- [ArbNet Tree Science and Conservation Resources](#) - a variety of tools, guides, manuals, and other resources to support tree research and conservation efforts
- [ArbNet Tree Conservation & Science Action Checklist](#) - for ideas of potential projects and associated resources
- [PopUp Poplar Project](#) - example of a successful, coordinated, multi-garden research project
- Citizen science - excellent, scalable guides available
 - [iNaturalist](#)
 - [Nature's Notebook](#) (National Phenology Network)
 - [PlantSnap](#)
- [Center for Plant Conservation - Rare Plant Academy](#): provides free, public resources for those seeking to learn the science of rare plant stewardship
 - [Applied Plant Conservation Course](#): free, online professional development course current and future botanical practitioners in the best practices of rare plant stewardship and conservation

Potential funding sources for research projects

Note: You don't have to lead the proposal – you can seek out externally led grant opportunities as a supporting collaborator

- [ArbNet Grant & Funding Opportunities Resource Page](#) - comprehensive list of funding opportunities for a variety of projects across different regions
- [BGCI / ArbNet Partnership Programme](#) - small conservation grant program
- [Tree Gene Conservation Partnership](#) (American Public Gardens Association and US Forest Service)
- Foundation grants - most of them are regional or localized to one area; examples:
 - [Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust](#) - supports education and research in ornamental horticulture

- [Fondation Franklinia](#) - conservation of threatened trees
- [National Geographic](#)
- Private and corporate (e.g. power companies) donors, especially locally
- Small shifts to your approach to your operating budget (they add up)
- State and university extension systems
- State DNRs (Department of Natural Resources) - you might be able to get funds to help them implement their state action plans
- State BLMs (Bureau of Land Management)
- Federal agencies - current federal funding situation is making research funds significantly less available, so caution is recommended