



CNRE Satellite Messenger and Emergency Beacon Loan Program - Application Form

Please submit this PDF form to Associate Dean Keith Goyne at goynek@vt.edu.

Applicant Name

Applicant Email

Name of the faculty member supervising the research project

Semester during which you wish to borrow a unit. If not needed during the entire semester, during which months of the semester are you requesting use of a beacon(s)?

Location of your research

How many units are you requesting (there are 3 units available)?

Describe the field safety needs associated with your request

(e.g., working alone in a remote area without reliable cell coverage, working with dangerous equipment or dangerous animals, etc.)

Does your field site have reliable cell phone coverage?

Yes

No

Unsure

Does your lab have an existing field safety plan?

Yes

No

If yes, how would the satellite beacon augment the field safety plan?

Describe any financial circumstances associated with your request.

(e.g., the grant supporting the research does not permit purchase of a unit, the cost cannot be justified due to the short period of time the beacon will be used, etc.).

User Agreement for the CNRE Satellite Messenger and Emergency Beacon Loan Program

This user agreement outlines the responsibilities of the end-user and faculty supervisor.

- The responsible party is the faculty member supervising the research project associated with the application request.
- It is the faculty member's responsibility to pay for: (1) the monthly plan plus taxes, (2) any activation and deactivation fees, (3) any overage fees incurred while renting a unit, and (4) the replacement or repair of any damaged or lost units (~\$500 per unit).
- All personnel using the unit are required to understand proper operation and limitations of the device. The user manual and tutorials are available on [Garmin's website](#).
- A unit can only be checked out for one semester at a time or specific months within a given semester. Semester dates will follow the official Virginia Tech academic calendar.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to coordinate acquisition and return of units with the CNRE IT department.
- Each time a Garmin InReach unit is borrowed, the faculty member or their designee will need to setup and activate a plan from the Garmin website. These plans will be charged to the supervising faculty member's selected research account until the unit is deactivated.
- When finished with the unit, the faculty member or their designee must deactivate the plan and return the unit to the CNRE IT department on or before the due date.

Applicant signature (if different from faculty member) Date

Faculty Member signature (required) Date

Info below to be completed by the college

Approved: Yes or No

Approved dates of unit loan:

of units issued:

Are units in operating order? Yes or No

Inspected and issued by:

Date issued:

of units returned:

Are units in operating order? Yes or No

Inspected and returned to:

Date of return: