



## Approved Borrower Application Information

1. Research loans of material from the Paleontological Research Institution (PRI) Research Collection are generally made to institutions on behalf of an Approved Borrower in good standing. Typically, only qualified researchers and students at academic institutions or scholarly organizations (including government agencies with a scientific mandate) may obtain borrowing privileges. Individuals may apply for Approved Borrower status by filling out either the Approved Borrower Application or the Approved Student Borrower Application according to the information below.
2. PRI Approved Borrower status must be granted before a loan request will be processed. If the applicant is not known to PRI, additional supporting documents, such as a letter of reference, may be requested.
3. Information for faculty, staff scientists, and other researchers:
  - Each applicant should complete the Approved Borrower Application.
  - Generally, Approved Borrower status is granted for a period of 10 years or until PRI changes its General Terms and Conditions for Research Loans.
4. Information for students:
  - Student applicants must be sponsored by their major advisor.
  - The student should complete the Approved Student Borrower Application and have their major advisor countersign the application. The student's advisor must also be an Approved Borrower in good standing.
  - **The student's loan will be made out to their advisor who will be responsible for the loaned material.**
  - Generally, Approved Student Borrower status is granted for a period of two years.
5. Under exceptional circumstances, PRI Collections may grant individuals without an affiliation borrowing privileges, if formal written approval is given by the Director of Collections. Generally, this will occur only if the individual is already known to PRI, has demonstrated the capacity to handle and care for specimens appropriately, and agrees to abide by all the terms and conditions required to obtain Approved Borrower status.
6. PRI reserves the right to deny Approved Borrower status to anyone for any reason.