Grants-in-Aid Committee


Mission:

The Grants-in-Aid Committee reviews applications for grants-in-aid and fellowships in mammalogy (American Society of Mammalogists Fellowship in Mammalogy, and the Albert R. and Alma Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy) and either selects recipients for these awards or recommends recipients for these awards.

Information Items:

(1) The committee currently has 27 members. A few individuals have rotated off this committee and we could use a few new members to facilitate in the important roles of this committee. Please contact Enrique Lessa or Brock McMillan if you are interested in serving on this Committee.

(2) We received 75 applications for Grants-in-Aid in 2022, which is down significantly from the previous several years. The budget for Grants-in-Aid was set by the Board at $56,500, which provides funding for 37 awards. Each committee member was asked to review and rank 16 Grants-in-Aid applications. The Committee ranked the 75 proposals and 37 were selected for support based on their average ranking. The diversity and quality of the proposals was outstanding. The committee members continue to make an effort to provide each applicant with some constructive comments on his/her proposal. Names of the students who have received a 2022 grant-in-aid are included at the end of this report.

(3) This year’s Horner Award winner for the top-ranked GIA proposal is Madeleine Becker from George Mason University. The title of her grant application was, “Systematics and Colonization History of Endemic Insular Peromyscus”.

(4) In 2021, we received and reviewed several fellowship applications. The 2021 recipient of the ASM Fellowship was Dana Green from the University of Regina. The 2021 recipient of the Albert R. and Alma Shadle Fellowship was Savannah Bartel from the University of Wisconsin.

For 2022, the application period is still open for the ASM and Shadle Fellowships. These applications will be distributed to committee members electronically and nominees will be selected during a closed session at the annual meeting in Tucson. The 2022 amount of the American Society of Mammalogists Fellowship is $20,000 and the Albert R. and Alma E. Shadle Fellowship will be $5,295.
Action items:

(1) 2022 Budget Request—slight change from 2021 due to cost of social tickets.

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(2) 2022 ASM Grants-in-Aid Recipients

Ryan Almeid, University of Arizona
Antonia Androski, University of New Mexico
Spenser Babb-Biernacki, Louisiana State University
Madeleine Becker, George Mason University/Smithsonian Institution
Peter Billman, University of Connecticut
Ellie Bolas, University of California, Davis
Abby Burtner, University of Washington
Tal (Tali) Caspi, University of California, Davis
Kristie Charmoy, University of Illinois at Chicago
Maria Colt, University of Maryland
Kimberly Cook, University of Kentucky
John Dalton, University of Colorado Boulder
Sylvia Durkin, University of California, Berkeley
Marissa Dyck, Ohio University
Laura Hancock, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Carson Hedberg, University of New Mexico
Gabriele Ilarde, University of Minnesota
Anna Jackson, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Katherine Kariatsumari, University of Colorado Boulder
Elizabeth McGuire, University of Oregon
Rachel Nelson, The George Washington University
Danielle Parsons, The Ohio State University
Conner Philson, University of California, Los Angeles
Cameron Pittman, The University of Colorado Boulder
Julia Rizzo, State University of New York
Brian Springall, North Dakota State University
Jess Steketee, University of New Hampshire
Mason Stothart, University of Calgary
Stavi Tennenbaum, Princeton University
Emma Thurau, City University of New York
Dakota Vaccaro, Western Kentucky University
Erin Voss, University of California Berkeley
Sarah Vrla, Texas Tech University
Zoe Weaver, University of Pittsburgh
Ben Wiens, University of Kansas
John Paul Williams Soriano, University of Michigan
Stella Yuan, University of California, Los Angeles

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