

AFRICAN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

In 2026, the American Society of Mammalogists will support the next generation of African mammalogists by awarding individual grants of \$2,000 for field research in Africa on wild mammals by African nationals pursuing graduate degrees (e.g., MPhil, MSc, PhD). Awardees will also receive online, 3-year ASM memberships.

Applications consist of (1) a 3-page proposal prepared and submitted by the applicant and (2) an e-mail from the applicant's major graduate advisor; instructions for both are detailed below. Please ensure that your proposal is formatted as a .pdf and has the file name FullName_ARF.pdf (e.g., JosephGrinnell_ARF.pdf). Failure to comply with these requests may result in our inability to review your proposal. Proposals and advisor letters should be e-mailed to Dr. Jesse Alston (jmalston@arizona.edu), Chair of the African Research Fellowship Committee, by no later than midnight (in the applicant's time zone) 15 April 2026; applications received after that date will not be reviewed. Please include your full name and ARF in the subject header of your email.

1. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Page 1 must include the following information:

Project title

Personal Information

Name
Complete mailing address
Home phone
Business phone
University email address
Personal email address
Country of citizenship

Education

- a) Undergraduate College/University
Years Attended
Undergraduate Degree, Major
- b) Earlier Graduate Program (if applicable)
University
Years Attended
Degree, Major
- c) Current Graduate Program
University
Start year (when you began the program)
Degree, Major

References

Full name and email address of current graduate advisor

In three sentences or fewer, briefly describe how you intend to spend the money if you are awarded a fellowship. We cannot fund university tuition or expenses associated with

professional conferences. We prefer to fund proposals in which it is clear that the \$2,000 USD award would substantively enhance the applicant's ability to carry out the proposed research.

Pages 2 and 3 describe your project:

Please provide a 2-page (US Letter paper size, 8.5 in x 11 in/21.59 cm x 27.94 cm) description of the background, methods, expected outcome(s), and significance of your proposed research. Figures, graphs, and tables are allowed but not required ***and count towards the 2-page limit***. References (literature cited) ***are not required*** but may be included as a separate list and ***will not count towards the 2-page limit***. In other words, if you choose to include figures, graphs, or tables, they must be included within the 2-page maximum; if you choose to include a list of literature cited, it can extend beyond the 2-page maximum. Please use a font no smaller than size 12 and margins no smaller than 1 inch.

The application may be written in English or French (please see [Frequently Asked Questions](#)). The application must be received by Dr. Alston no later than 15 April 2026.

2. CONFIRMATION E-MAIL FROM GRADUATE ADVISOR

A short (3-5 sentence) e-mail from the applicant's current graduate advisor verifying that (1) they have read the application and support the proposed research and (2) the applicant is an actively enrolled graduate student in good standing. This should be e-mailed directly to the committee chair by no later than 15 April 2026. ***Please do not send an attached letter; the email alone is sufficient.*** It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the advisor e-mail is received by the deadline.