

***ad hoc* Donald W. and Glennis A. Kaufman Research Award Committee**

Committee Members: S. Fairbanks, J. Frey, J.R. Goheen, B. McMillan, A.W. Reed (Chair).

Mission:

The Kaufman Award was established with a substantial gift by anonymous patrons with the goal of supporting field-based ecological research, conducted in the grasslands of the Great Plains states and/or Canada Prairie Provinces by graduate student (MS or PhD) members of the American Society of Mammalogists (ASM), focusing on native mammals with a preference given to research focused on rodents and/or shrews. A single \$2,500 award is available annually to qualified students enrolled in a MS or PhD program.

Information Items:

(1) We received 2 applications for the Kaufman award in 2020. Both of the proposals were of high quality. We anticipate that application numbers will increase in the future as the award becomes more established within the society. Particularly when it can be publicized at the Annual Meeting.

(2) The committee met virtually and selected an awardee for the first annual Donald W. and Glennis A. Kaufman Research Award. The awardee will be announced in the same manner as the other award winners.

Action items:

(1) 2020-21 Budget Request—no change from 2019-2020.

Kaufman Award	\$2,500
Total Request	\$2,500

These funds should be available from the award endowment and we require no additional funding from the Society

Respectively submitted,

Aaron Reed, Chair

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