

Honoraria and Travel Awards Committee

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Mission:

The Committee's mission is to select graduate and undergraduate students to be honored for their research in mammalogy, and to select travel grant recipients in two categories, early-career and student.

Information Items:

(1) The Committee welcomed 1 new member this year, A. Dechner-Sierra, and has not lost any members.

(2) From 12 applications, the Honoraria and Travel Awards Committee awarded four graduate honoraria, each for \$2,000: the Anna M. Jackson Award to **Erin Siracusa** (University of Guelph); the Elmer C. Birney Award to **Jesyka Meléndez-Rosa** (University of California); the A. Brazier Howell Award to **Casey Day** (Purdue University), and the Annie M. Alexander Award to **Emily Beasley** (Missouri State University).

(3) From 3 applications, the Committee awarded 2 undergraduate honoraria of \$1,000. The awardees were **Sydney Stephens** (Utah State University) and **Connor Burgin** (Boise State University).

The table below summarizes the recent history of honoraria applications, revealing the increase in the number of graduate applicants, especially master's students, but also the high inter-annual variability in the number of applications:

Year	Undergraduate	Masters	Ph.D.	Total Graduate
2008	2	0	5	5
2009	6	0	3	3
2010 ^a	2	0	5	5
2011	9	2	12	14
2012	1	1	9	10
2013 ^b	3	1	3	4
2014	3	0	4	4
2015	4	4	8	12
2016	3	6	12	18
2017	1	4	6	10
2018	3	4	8	12

^afirst year of shorter GRAD application

^bfirst year of Alexander (MS) Award

(4) We were very pleased with the number and quality of applications in 2018, and will continue our efforts to advertise and promote the Honoraria program widely using multiple communication platforms, including social media. Sean Maher, the Informatics Committee Chair, has continued to help improve the Committee's webpage and with Honoraria application submission, and we will continue to update it to provide clear instructions to applicants and to streamline the online submission process. We also extend special thanks to Cody Thompson, Program Committee Chair, for significant help with advertising these opportunities as well as coordination of travel awards application submissions.

(5) A total of 60 meeting attendees chose to have their abstracts evaluated for Travel Awards. This number represents a decrease from the previous year and a continued decrease from 2015 (2013-140, 2014-94, 2015-121, 2016-53, 2017-72). The 60 abstracts were divided into two categories for evaluation: early-career (10 abstracts vs. 10 in 2017, 7 in 2016, 20 in 2015, 11 in 2014 and 29 in 2013) and student abstracts (50 abstracts vs. 61 in 2017, 43 in 2016, 84 in 2015, 80 in 2014 and 109 in 2013). Of these applicants, 12 were from students supported by past Grants-in-Aid, 3 were past Fellowship winners (1 Shadle and 2 Patton), and 1 had received an Honorarium. Each abstract was reviewed by 5 committee members.

(6) Last year's budget request to the Board was \$6,300 for early-career travel awards of \$700 each (a \$100 increase from 2016) and \$12,000 for student travel awards of \$400 each. These funds will allow the Committee to give 30 awards of \$400 to students and 9 awards of \$700 to early-career professionals. The complete list of recipients (9 early-career, 30 students) will be provided to the Board in mid-April. A total of 16 recipients (27% of awardees) had previously received a grant or award from ASM, indicating that we had some success in attracting previously supported students to participate in the Annual Meeting. The final funding rate for early-career and student travel awards was 90% (9/10) and 50% (30/60), respectively.

(7) The Committee is requesting an increase in both the amount and number of the travel awards for 2019 because of the increased cost of hotels/housing at the Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Because ASM is financially bound for meeting a minimum number of room nights, encouraging a larger number of attendees will benefit the Society. We are requesting continuance of the monetary value of the graduate honoraria as last year.

Action Items:

(1)	\$ 8,000	4 * \$2,000 for graduate honoraria (Jackson, Howell, Birney, Alexander)
	\$ 2,400	2 * \$1,200 for undergraduate honoraria
	\$ 8,500	10 * \$850 for early-career travel awards (TENTATIVE)
	<u>\$12,000</u>	20 * \$600 for student travel awards (TENTATIVE)
	\$30,900	Total budget

Justification: All funds requested are for the awards.

Respectfully submitted,
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Honoraria and Travel Awards Committee Appendix

First	Last	Institution/Organization
Early Career		
Erin	Baerwald	University of Regina
Patrice	Connors	Weber State University
Angela	Hornsby	Virginia Tech
Jason	Malaney	Austin Peay State University
Mariana	Nery	State University of Campinas
Melissa	Pardi	Vanderbilt University
Elton	Rogozi	Institute of Public Health
Nathan	Upham	Yale University
Elizabeth	Warburton	Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Students		
Jaclyn	Aliperti	University of California, Davis
Jesse	Alston	University of Wyoming
Joshua	Barry	Pace University
Allison	Brehm	The University of Maine
Phoebe	Burns	University of Melbourne
Vratika	Chaudhary	University of Florida
Jocelyn	Colella	University of New Mexico, Museum of Southwestern Biology
Stephanie	Dea	Albright College
Bridgett	Downs	Texas A&M University, College Station
Nicholas	Fletcher	Cornell University
Alejandro	Flores-Manzanero	Instituto de Ecología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Dana	Green	Northern Arizona University
Grace	Griffiths	Northern Arizona University
Brynn	Huzzen	Texas Christian University
Aviv	Karasov-Olson	University of California, Davis
Jamie	Kass	The Graduate Center, CUNY
Chris	Law	UC Santa Cruz
Nathaniel	Mull	Northern Arizona University
Jonathan	Nations	Louisiana State University
Beau	Rapier	Austin Peay State University
Katie	Robertson	The Ohio State University
Dakota	Rowsey	University of Minnesota
Ryan	Stephens	University of New Hampshire

Brian	Tanis	Oregon State University
Hannah	Walker	California State University, Long Beach
Lisa	Walsh	University of Michigan
Marie	Westover	University of New Mexico
Evan	Wilson	University of Wisconsin
Ashley	Wurth	The Ohio State University
Victor	Zhang	Northern Arizona University