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# STUDENT PROGRAMS

The American Society of Mammalogists (ASM) seeks to promote high-quality research by its student members and has developed a number of mechanisms by which young scientists can establish and further develop their careers in mammalogy. The Grants-in-Aid of Research and the Latin American Student Research programs provide students (usually graduate students) with funding to conduct research in mammalogy at any stage of their research projects; students are eligible for more than 1 grant in successive years. The Latin American Student Field Research Award explicitly recognizes the historical and contemporary importance of field research in Latin America to ASM, and the Society's commitment to promoting field work by promising students from these countries. To acknowledge the highest-caliber research projects completed by its student members (supported by Grants-In-Aid or any other funding sources), the ASM offers the Graduate and Undergraduate Student Honoraria Research Paper Awards. In addition to funds to support travel to the Annual Meeting, Graduate Honoraria awardees have the distinct honor of presenting their research as part of the opening Plenary Session of the Annual Meeting, along with recipients of other ASM awards. Finally, the Albert R. and Alma Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy and the ASM Fellowship are designed to recognize contributions to the field of mammalogy, service to the Society, and the potential to develop a productive career in mammalogy. By providing funding for student research (Grants-In-Aid of Research, Latin American Student Field Research Awards), recognizing the highest quality completed projects (Honoraria Research Papers), and honoring individuals that have made substantial contributions to mammalogy through their research and service (Shadle Award and the ASM Fellowship), the American Society of Mammalogists assists students throughout the early development of their careers. Submissions to these programs can be accomplished through http://www.mammalsociety.org/applications/.

## FELLOWSHIPS IN MAMMALOGY

Applications are solicited for two graduate fellowships in mammalogy for 2013–2014. The fellowships are intended to promote a professional career in mammalogy by allowing the recipients greater freedom to pursue research, but are not grants in support of specific research projects. These fellowships are the premier awards given to graduate student members of ASM, and are awarded in recognition of both current accomplishments and future potential. Careers of applicants should have progressed sufficiently (in terms of publications, presentations, and development of their research program) to clearly demonstrate the potential for productive roles in professional mammalogy. Awards do not preclude support from other sources.

## AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS FELLOWSHIP IN MAMMALOGY

The Board of Directors of the ASM provides a fellowship in mammalogy for any graduate student member of the ASM enrolled in a college or university for the forthcoming academic year (Fall 2013–Spring 2014). The stipend of $7,500 for 2013–2014 has been approved. The ASM Fellow will be invited to present the results of his/her research at the Plenary Session of the 2014 Annual Meeting of the ASM.

## GRANTS-IN-AID OF RESEARCH

Applications are solicited for Grants-in-Aid of Research in mammalogy from funds made available by the Directors of the ASM. Applicants must be graduate students or upper-level undergraduates who are members of the ASM. Awards (maximum $1,500) will be made in support of any aspect of research. Individuals may receive a career maximum of two Grants-in Aid awards. The ASM encourages foreign students, especially those in developing countries, to submit applications.

Applications should be submitted electronically through the ASM web site (http://www.mammalsociety.org/applications/). All electronic applications must consist of 5 items: an application form, a description of the proposed research, a project budget, and 2 letters of recommendation, including one from the applicant's research advisor. See the ASM web site for more information. Contact Richard Stevens (rstevens@lsu.edu) if there are exceptional reasons why an application cannot be submitted electronically. Applications including letters of recommendation must be received by 1 March 2013.

## LATIN AMERICAN STUDENT FIELD RESEARCH AWARD

The Latin American Student Field Research Award is made annually to support field research projects by Latin Americans in Latin America. Eligible students must be citizens of Latin American countries (excluding Puerto Rico) and currently enrolled in a graduate program. Projects must be field-oriented investigations of natural history, conservation, ecology, systematics, wildlife biology, biogeography, or behavior of mammals. The selection committee, whose membership reflects these diverse fields and has field experience in Latin America, considers each of these areas of research equally important.

Application materials include a 2-page application and 2 letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your scientific background and current academic program, 1 of which must be from your graduate advisor. All application materials must be sent to the Committee Chair in files attached to email messages. Acceptable formats include pdf (preferred)



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and Word (doc and rtf files). Letters scanned in jpg format also are acceptable. Although we encourage applications and letters in English, documents written in Spanish or Portuguese are acceptable. Detailed instructions can be downloaded from the ASM website (www.mammalsociety.org/committees/index.-asp).

To be considered, all application materials must be sent electronically to Dr. Kristina A. Ernest (ernestk@cwu.edu; phone 509-963-2805) by April 15. Recipients will be announced at the annual banquet of the American Society of Mammalogists, but awardees need not be present to receive the award.

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