

Lerner-Gray Fund for Marine Research Application

PURPOSE

The Lerner-Gray Grants for Marine Research provide financial assistance to highly qualified persons starting careers in marine zoology. Support is limited to projects dealing with systematics, evolution, ecology and field-oriented behavioral studies of marine animals. Awards are not made to support research in botany and biochemistry.

Note: **Ornithology** proposals only accepted by [The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund](#).

FUNDING AND DURATION

The grants made from this program are generally between \$500 and \$2,500. They are meant to act as seed money for new researchers. Research may be conducted at the AMNH or in the field. The grant is able to be spent from July 1 of the application year until June 30th following the application year.

DEADLINE

March 15, 11:59pm Eastern Time - *(*Note- Late applications and applications that do not conform entirely with our specifications will not be considered)*

INSTRUCTIONS

There are two parts to the application process that must be completed by 11:59pm Eastern Time on the deadline listed above. Both must be completed online following this link: https://myrggs.amnh.org/Applicant/ApplyOnline_Login.aspx.

Part 1: Application

Create an account and fill out the basic information requested;

Do NOT stop at Step 5 – continue through to Step 8. Submit electronic application at Step 8.

Once you have done this, the Document Center link will appear on the left. Click on it and the application materials will come up on your screen. You will not be able to proceed to part 2 until you submit your application.

Note: If you are a duplicate applicant (previously applied), you will get the following message: Our system recognized you as a duplicate entry. We will contact you by email shortly and send you a link to the documents that you will need to complete to apply for your specific program. If you need to contact us, at please call us at 1-212-769-5055 or 1-212-769-5017

Part 2: Document Upload

Below are the required documents that you must upload to our server by 11:59pm Eastern Time on the deadline listed above. Once your upload all your documents, you will receive a confirmation email.

All documents must be in PDF format. No other format will be accepted. There are many free PDF file converters on the web.

Project Description

Project Title;

Project location;

Narrative description of MAXIMUM 2 pages;

Literature cited, 1 additional page;

Note that you should follow the formatting requirements in the [NSF Proposal Guide](#);

If you have been awarded from this fund before, include:

- Project title, award amount, year of award, list of publications;
- Note that if you have not turned in a final project report, you will not be considered for a new award.

Budget

Prepare a budget itemizing anticipated expenses, including supplies and travel but not salary, associated with your proposed project, and indicate other possible sources of funding;

Include a brief budget justification.

Curriculum Vitae

Include list of publications;

Do not send reprints.

Letter of Recommendation (2)

Two letters of recommendation from people knowledgeable about your work;
Go to My Documents: Document Center for instructions after you submit the online application (Step 8)

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

*Please note that you may have tax withholding requirements on this award if you are not a US Citizen and if your work will take place in the USA.

After you are awarded the grant, please check with us to determine if you have a tax withholding requirement.

If you are a US citizen, there is no tax withholding.

If you are a foreign national and your work will NOT take place in the USA, there is no tax withholding.

Applicants are allowed a maximum of two awards in different years (not consecutive).

Non US citizens who will conduct research in the US will need to apply for a visa.

If you are an international scholar, please contact our office at directorofadministration-rggs@amnh.org if you have any visa questions

At the end of the project we require a 1-2 page report on your activities

*If you are a J-1 research scholar, there is a 14% tax withholding requirement