

The WESTERN SOCIETY OF MALACOLOGISTS

announces a call for proposals for

2009 STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS IN MALACOLOGY

As part of their commitment to the continued study of mollusks, the Western Society of Malacologists with sponsorship from the San Diego Shell Club and former Northern California Malacozoological Club are again pleased to announce the availability of grants to support student research in malacology. Funds are available for actual research costs, including but not limited to, field and laboratory equipment, chemicals, photographic supplies, computer time and supplies, microscope usage fees, and reasonable research travel costs.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicant must be a full time student in a formal graduate or undergraduate degree program. There are no citizenship or affiliation restrictions and students from all countries are eligible.

The thesis, dissertation, or research project must be focused primarily on the systematics, biology, ecology, physiology, biochemistry, or paleontology of marine, terrestrial or freshwater mollusks in western North America. Research currently in progress or beginning in the 2009-2010 academic year will be considered.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Cover application page with the following information: proposal title, applicant name, addresses, contact numbers, etc, including a listing of no more than FIVE keywords that describe the proposed research.
2. The proposal, limited to two pages, which discusses the research project and its malacological significance including details of the work to be aided by this grant.
3. A budget that outlines how the grant funds will be used.
4. A resume or outline of the applicant's academic background.
5. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's research advisor (must be transmitted or mailed separately by advisor).
6. A list of grants and amounts that are currently being received and have been applied for in the 2009-2010 academic year.

Membership in the Western Society of Malacologists is not required but is certainly encouraged and students receive a discounted rate. Award recipients are also encouraged to present their research at a subsequent WSM meeting. Abstracts are published in the WSM Annual Report.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS: Applications can be submitted either as attached WORD documents or in PDF format. [Applications can also be mailed to the address below] (see <http://biology.fullerton.edu/orgs/wsm/grants.html> for additional application information and forms) Email to: dzacherl@fullerton.edu

AWARD: Awards of up to \$1000.00 US are available.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received no later than MAY 1st 2009. NO exceptions. Please apply early and avoid the deadline rush. Awards will be announced during the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Malacologists, at California State University Fullerton in Fullerton, CA, USA on June 23-27, 2009 (see <http://biology.fullerton.edu/wsm/conferences.html> for additional information).

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