



Western Society of Malacologists

**The WESTERN SOCIETY OF MALACOLOGISTS
announces a call for proposals for
2011 STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS IN MALACOLOGY**

As part of their commitment to the continued study of mollusks, the Western Society of Malacologists is 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.

PROJECT TOPICS: 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. Projects dealing with cultural relationships, sustainability of resources, or conservation efforts are also appropriate. Research currently in progress or beginning in the 2011 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. It may be submitted in English or Spanish.
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 2011-2012 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. Email to: hansmarvida@sbcglobal.net.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received no later than May 1st, 2011. NO exceptions. Please apply early to avoid the deadline rush. Awards will be announced during the 44th Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Malacologists, to be held jointly with the XII Reunion Nacional de Malacología y Conquiliología, in La Paz, Baja California Sur, México, on June 27-30, 2011 (see <http://biology.fullerton.edu/wsm/conferences.html> for additional information). For further information contact:

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