

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the graduate fellowships offered by the American Society of Mammalogists. ASM offers two fellowships, the American Society of Mammalogists Fellowship in Mammalogy and the Albert R. and Alma Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy. Applicants may apply for either fellowship, or be considered for both simultaneously by checking the appropriate box on the application form. The same application material is required in either case. An applicant can only hold one fellowship per year and can only win each fellowship once. Winners of the ASM Fellowship may not apply for the Shadle Fellowship in later years, but winners of the Shadle Fellowship may re-apply for the ASM Fellowship. Fellowship awards do not preclude other sources of support.

The graduate fellowships in mammalogy described below are the premier awards given by the American Society of Mammalogists to its student members. The awards are not given in support of a particular research project or proposal, but the quality, creativity, and significance of the student's research are critical factors in determining awards. Because these fellowships also are intended to recognize a record of contributions and service to the field of mammalogy and the potential for productive roles in professional mammalogy in the future, careers of applicants should have progressed sufficiently to demonstrate such potential. Applicants must be members of ASM, and must be enrolled in a graduate program at a college or university for the forthcoming academic year (at least Fall 2004 for the ASM Fellowship, Fall 2004 - Spring 2005 for the Shadle Fellowship). Winners of both fellowships will be invited to speak at the plenary session of the annual meeting of ASM in 2005.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS FELLOWSHIP IN MAMMALOGY – A single graduate fellowship in mammalogy is provided annually by the Board of Directors of ASM at the recommendation of the Grants-in-Aid Committee. The amount of the award for the academic year 2004-2005 has been set at \$14,000. The fellowship is intended to recognize current accomplishments in mammalogy, service to ASM, and the potential for a productive, future role in professional mammalogy. Applicants may be any graduate student members of ASM enrolled at a college or university for at least the fall semester of the forthcoming academic year and be engaged in research in mammalogy.

ALBERT R. AND ALMA SHADLE FELLOWSHIP IN MAMMALOGY – A single graduate fellowship in mammalogy is provided annually by the Albert R. and Alma Shadle Endowment Fund. The award is made by the Buffalo Foundation at the recommendation of the Grants-in-Aid Committee of ASM. Generally, the award is approximately \$4,000. The fellowship is intended to promote a professional career in mammalogy by allowing the recipient greater freedom to pursue research, but is not a grant in support of a specific research project. Applicants must be enrolled as graduate students in a college or university **in the United States** for the forthcoming academic year and be engaged in research in any area of mammalogy.

A copy of the application form is enclosed for your use (it may be copied as needed). Below are detailed instructions for completing the application form and developing your proposal. You **MUST** follow these instructions for your application to be evaluated.

- 1) An application form, curriculum vita, and **three** letters of recommendation (one must be from your research advisor) are required. **Twenty (20)** copies of the application and letters are required and must **arrive** in my office no later than **1 May 2004**. Your references should provide you with letters placed in a signed, sealed envelope to be sent in with your application (copies can all be in one envelope). It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that applications and letters are sent as a single package and are received in the office of the committee chair **by** the deadline.
- 2) Use either a word processor or typewriter to complete the application forms. Font size should be no less than 12 point (or 13 cpi) and margins at least 1.25 cm. Do not exceed the page limitation for the description of your proposed research. If necessary, you may include Literature Citations on additional pages; however, the remainder of the application is restricted to the space provided.
- 3) The curriculum vita should be concise (3 – 5 pages), but **must include the following sections**: Peer-reviewed professional publications, Other publications (e.g., published abstracts, book reviews, theses, non-peer-reviewed publications, technical reports), Presentations to professional meetings, Research grants (e.g., funded proposals in support of research), Memberships in

professional societies, Honors and awards, and Professional service (e.g., committee memberships, review activities, organization or hosting of meetings).

The recipients of both fellowships will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists. Please be sure to follow the above guidelines and instructions. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Edward J. Heske,
Chair, ASM Grants-in-Aid of Research Committee
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ASM FELLOWSHIPS IN MAMMALOLOGY 2004

For which fellowship would you like to be considered (you may check either or both)?

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS FELLOWSHIP IN MAMMALOLOGY _____

ALBERT R. AND ALMA SHADLE FELLOWSHIP IN MAMMALOLOGY _____

Name of Applicant:

Department:

Institution:

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Document your educational record from the first year of undergraduate work to the present.

Institution	Years Attended	Major and Minor Disciplines of Study	Degrees Received
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Degree currently sought (PhD or MS):

Number of years in pursuit of degree listed:

Title of Thesis or Dissertation Research:

Identify three persons whom you have asked to provide letters in support of this application and list the relationship of each person to your current or former research projects or programs of study. One of these must be your present research advisor.

Name and title:

Address:

Relationship:

Name and title:

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Name and title:

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Relationship:

Provide the name, address, and office telephone number of the head or chairperson of your department:

Please attach a current Curriculum Vita that includes the sections listed in the guidelines for applicants.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Provide a brief summary of your professional experience in mammalogy, your research interests, and career goals (1-page limit, single-spaced):

Provide a brief abstract of your thesis or dissertation research project. Because the abstract will be read to members of the Society if you receive the fellowship, **limit the length of the abstract to 150 words**, but include in general terms, information regarding the objectives and methods of your research.

Provide a brief statement describing how you would use any support from ASM:

Provide a description of your thesis or dissertation research project. Organize the description under the following headings: Title, Introduction, Objectives, Methods, Present Status of the Research (include preliminary results), Significance, and Literature Cited. This description is restricted to **five double-spaced pages** with at least 25-cm (1-inch) margins. The Literature Cited section is exempted from this limitation. This description should be more than a simple research proposal, and include explicit discussion of the status and importance of your research.