

Cameron Award Committee

Committee Members: Guy Cameron (non-voting), Andi Kautt, Andrew McAdam, Rebecca Rowe, Nancy Solomon, Rob Swihart (Chair), Caitlin Wells

Mission:

The Guy N. Cameron Rodent Research award was established in 2019 to fund research on native rodents in the Americas with an emphasis on field research, and laboratory research that supports or augments field research. Support is intentionally broad, generally falling under the umbrella of ecology and behavior to reflect Guy's interests and numerous scholarly contributions. The Cameron Award Committee annually reviews and ranks applications and selects a deserving recipient in each of two categories: graduate student and postdoctoral applicant.

Information Items:

- (1) The committee currently has 6 voting members including 2 former postdoctoral award recipients (Drs. Kautt and Wells) who vote on the graduate student award recipient.
- (2) In Spring 2023, the committee received and evaluated 14 graduate student and 2 postdoctoral applications. We encourage eligible graduate students and postdoctoral scientists to apply in 2024. Overall quality of applications submitted to the committee remained high. Multiple committee members evaluated each application, and all eligible committee members evaluated finalists to select award winners. The graduate student and postdoctoral recipients will each receive \$5,000 to support their research. The 2023 recipient of the Cameron Award in each category of applicants will be announced at the closing awards ceremony of the 102nd annual meeting.

Action Items:

- (1) Budget request of \$5,000.00 for the 2024 graduate student recipient of the Cameron Award
- (2) Budget request of \$5,000.00 for the 2024 postdoctoral recipient of the Cameron Award

Respectfully submitted,

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