

## Grants-in-Aid Committee

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### **Mission:**

The Grants-in-Aid Committee reviews applications for grants-in-aid and fellowships in mammalogy (American Society of Mammalogists Fellowship in Mammalogy and the Albert R. and Alma Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy) and either selects recipients for these awards or recommends recipients for these awards.

### **Information Items:**

(1) Karen Mabry stepped down as Chair of the Grants-in-Aid Committee to take another assignment. Brock McMillan was asked by the President to serve as the new Chair. We thank Karen for her dedicated service as Chair of this Committee and to the American Society of Mammalogists. We also thank Karen for all of her help to ensure a smooth transition to the new chair.

(2) Membership on the Committee is currently at 33 members. We added 5 new members this year including Steve Mech, Kayce Bell, Bryan McLean, Angela Hornsby, and Richard Stevens. We are always looking for additional members to return our number of members to 40. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on this Committee.

(3) We received 90 applications for Grants-in-Aid in 2018. The budget for Grants-in-Aid was set by the Board at \$56,200. Each committee member was asked to review and rank 16 Grants-in-Aid applications. The Committee ranked the 90 proposals and 37 were selected for support based on their average ranking. The diversity and quality of the proposals was outstanding. The committee members continue to make an effort to provide each applicant with some constructive comments on his/her proposal. Names of the students who have received a 2018 grant-in-aid are attached to the end of this report.

(4) This year's Horner Award winner for the top-ranked GIA proposal is Brock Wooldridge from Harvard University. The title of his grant application was, "Using population genomics to study the repeated evolution of forest deer mice."

(5) In 2017, 6 fellowship applications were received and reviewed. The 2017 ASM Fellowship recipient was Anne-Marie Hodge from the University of Wyoming. The Shadle Fellowship recipient was Brett Jesmer from the University of Wyoming. We received 4 fellowship/award applications for the 2018 competition. These will be distributed to committee members electronically and nominees will be selected during a closed session at the Annual Meeting.

The amount of the American Society of Mammalogists Fellowship will be \$10,000 and the Albert R. and Alma E. Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy will be approximately \$4,500 in 2018.

**Action items:**

**(1) 2019 Budget Request**

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| Grants-in-Aid of Research 37 x \$1,500 | \$55,500 |
| Horner Award                           | \$500    |
| ASM Fellowship                         | \$12,500 |
| Social tickets for students 10 x \$20  | \$200    |
| Total Request                          | \$68,700 |

We are seeking an increase in the ASM Fellowship from \$10,000 to \$12,500. This is the most prestigious award given to a graduate student in the Society. As such, we would like this award to be sufficient to support the activities of a student. Our vision is to one day have this award support a graduate student for one year.

**(2) 2018 ASM Grants-in-Aid Recipients**

Jaclyn Aliperti  
Mattina Alonge  
Jesse Alston  
Mallory Ballinger  
Savannah Bartel  
Melissa Bauer  
Peter Billman  
Allison Brehm  
Zachary Butler  
Kate Corbin  
Natalia Cortes-Delgado  
Megan Dudenhoefter  
Haley Epperly  
Adriana Guerrero-Chacon  
Kira Hefty  
Melissa Ingala  
Joel Jameson  
Abigail Kelly  
Chase LaDue

Olivia Meyerson  
Kendall Mills  
Tracy Montgomery  
Kevin Morey  
Nathaniel Mull  
Rachel Petersen  
Alexander Pritchard  
Jeffrey Roth  
Leila Siciliano-Martina  
Kelly Speer  
Tess Stapleton  
Mason Stothart  
Madeline Strom  
Lisa Walsh  
Marie Westover  
Dana Williams  
Andrea Wishart  
Brock Wooldridge

**Respectively submitted,**  
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