

## **Ralph W. Sczheimer Ornithology Research Award Guidelines**

Awards will be given to students and amateur ornithologists who are not able to secure research funding through channels available to professional ornithologists. Applicants should reside in or attend school in southern California [San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino Counties and south, and adjacent areas (at the discretion of the Awards Committee)]. Awards will be given for ornithologically-oriented research, which may be conducted anywhere. While we have taken a more favorable consideration of research that is of a local nature involving local species, all researchers are encouraged to apply. Only one award will be given for an individual project or thesis. One or more awards will be given this year. The maximum individual award is \$1500.

### **Applications must include the following information:**

1. A cover sheet giving: applicant's name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number; title of the project; amount requested; and project's proposed starting and completion date.
2. A short abstract of the proposed research, approximately 200 words.
3. An explicit description of the QUESTION posed by the research, the SIGNIFICANCE of the question, the METHODS of data collection and analysis to be employed, and the JUSTIFICATION of these methods with appropriate literature citations. The body of the proposal must not exceed five double-spaced typed pages.
4. A budget and budget justification.
5. A curriculum vitae, including a list of the applicant's publications and papers in press, if any.
6. A description of recent, current and pending research support.
7. Letter(s) of recommendation from an Advisor (and/or other persons) in the field of Biology.
8. Provide a copy of all pertinent permits (collecting, banding, tissue or blood sampling, etc) associated with your research for all jurisdictions (state(s), federal, foreign countries), as well as documentation for the deposition of specimens (museums, universities). Certify that you will comply with the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) regulations of his/her home institution. In some cases, the entire permit need not be submitted; just the pertinent title pages and page showing permittee and his/her advisor(s).
9. ALL MATERIAL WILL BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO THE GRANTS CHAIRPERSON (BELOW). The only item(s) that may be submitted as hard copies to the address below is(are) the letter of recommendation, if the author request privacy.

### **LAAS asks the following from award recipients:**

- \* An accounting of expenditures within six months of completion of the funded project.
- \* A summary of the project and results obtained suitable for publication in the Western Tanager within six months of completion of the funded project.
- \* An acknowledgment of receipt of the LAAS award in any publication, paper or thesis resulting from research funded in part or full by the award.
- \* A printed copy of any publication, paper or thesis resulting from the funded research.
- \* LAAS encourages award recipients to present a program at a membership meeting and/or write an article for the Western Tanager.

The award for the year 2021 will be awarded in June, 2021. To apply, submit the complete application materials ELECTRONICALLY to email addresses below no later than April 30, 2021.

**For questions, please email Ryan Harrigan: [iluvsa@ucla.edu](mailto:iluvsa@ucla.edu)**