

Los Angeles Audubon Society

Ralph W. Schreiber Ornithology Research Awards 2020

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Los Angeles Audubon Society presents an annual research grant, the Ralph W. Schreiber Ornithology Research Award, to support research relevant to the biology of birds. Award recipients are limited to students and amateur ornithologists with limited or no access to major granting agencies and who reside in southern California (from San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties south) or are currently enrolled in a southern California academic institution. There is no geographical restriction on the research area. Between \$1500 and \$5000 are awarded each year. One or more awards will be given out in 2020.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline for the 2020 Research Award is September 1, 2020; grants will be awarded in November 2020.

APPLICATION 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.

Los Angeles Audubon Society (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*, the chapter newsletter of LAAS, 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*.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit the complete application materials ELECTRONICALLY to email address below **no later than September 1, 2020**. The award for the year 2020 will be awarded in November 2020.

For questions, please email Ryan Harrigan: iluvsa@ucla.edu

Sincerely,

Ryan J. Harrigan
Grants Committee Chairman
Los Angeles Audubon Society



MAILING ADDRESS (for private letters of recommendation only)

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