

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

The Coleopterists Society invites graduate student members of The Coleopterists Society to submit a proposal to the annual Graduate Student Research Enhancement Awards (GSREA).

Award Details:

1. Eligibility: Must be (1) currently enrolled as a M.Sc., Ph.D. or equivalent degree graduate student in good standing at a recognized academic institution and (2) a member in good standing of The Coleopterists Society. Eligible applicants may receive one GSREA per degree (*i.e.*, M.Sc., Ph.D., or equivalent graduate degree).

2. Allowed Requests: Proposals will be considered for costs associated with research concerning beetles (including but not limited to: expendable materials, buying time on analytical equipment, and travel for fieldwork, offsite labwork, and to museum collections). Salary for the applicant is not allowable. The Coleopterists Society will provide award recipients with research funding only (all official/legal permissions and/or permits for travel are the responsibility of the student).

3. Award(s):

A. Program Award. One award will be granted for \$5,000 for an outstanding research proposal. The intent of this award is to fund a significant portion of the student's graduate research.

B. Improvement Award. One or more awards will be granted with a maximum of \$2,000 per award, depending on the quality and quantity of applications. The intent of these awards is to assist the completion of a specific objective of the student's graduate research.

For both types of awards, the proposed research objective must be completed while enrolled as a graduate student. Award recipients will submit a short statement of completion of funded research (a paragraph) to the Secretary of The Coleopterists Society and may be asked to give a short oral report to The Coleopterists Society concerning their accomplishments resulting from the GSREA. It is expected that the student will acknowledge support from The Coleopterists Society Graduate Student Research Enhancement Award in any resulting publications.

4. Applications: Include (single-spaced 12-point Times font, 1-inch margins):

- i. 2 pages including summary of graduate research, description of the specific research activity to be funded by the GSREA, and justification for the proposed research.
- ii. 1 page detailed budget and explanation of justification for the requested funds. For the Program Award, the budget must be for precisely \$5,000. For the Improvement Award, the budget must not exceed \$2,000 (it may be less).
- iii. Cited references, included on a separate page(s).
- iv. A short statement (paragraph) from the student's Major Professor (or advisor) that indicates student status and how well the proposed activity is integrated with overall research goals.
- v. Confirmation that the student accepts responsibility for determining need and acquiring all collecting and/or export permits.

5. Please email applications to Chair of the GSREA committee:

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Deadline: **1 March (annually)**