

GRANTS IN HERPETOLOGY

Deadline: December 31, 2004

GIH Description

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Guidelines for Proposals

NOTE: In June 1999, the SSAR Board decided that past award recipients are not eligible for additional GIH awards.

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2007 SSAR Grants-in Herpetology Program. This program is intended to provide financial support for deserving individuals or organizations involved in herpetological research, education, or conservation. Grant proposals will be considered in the following categories:

1. CONSERVATION OF AMPHIBIANS AND/OR REPTILES. Proposals should address research (particularly conservation biology) on species endangered or threatened at the state, national, or international level, or address research on potentially threatened habitats or species, or on introduced injurious species. Proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from another member of the SSAR or a student's major advisor or committee chairperson.

2. FIELD RESEARCH. Proposals may address needs for field station fees or equipment and materials in field oriented projects, or the field work portions of broader studies. This might include in-situ behavioral studies, ecological, life history, or sexual selection studies. Survey work by individuals or regional societies may be submitted here or in TRAVEL below depending on how the funds are to be used. Proposals must be from individuals only and be accompanied by a letter of support from another member of the SSAR, the president of the sponsoring regional society (if applicable), or a student's major advisor or committee chairperson.

3. LABORATORY RESEARCH. Proposals may address needs for equipment or materials in laboratory projects or laboratory portions of broader projects. This might include studies in behavior, biochemistry, molecular biology, biomechanics, or physiology. Proposals must be from individuals only and be accompanied by a letter of support from another member of the SSAR or a student's major advisor or committee chairperson.

4. HERPETOLOGICAL EDUCATION. Proposals may address an educational project or start up support for an educational program in a zoo, museum, park, nature center,

regional herpetological society, etc. The project must focus on a herpetological topic. Proposals must be from individuals only and be accompanied by a letter of support from the herpetological curator, the director of the facility, or the regional society president. Applicants need not be students or a SSAR member.

5. TRAVEL. Proposals may address support for travel to field study sites near or far, or to utilize distant collections or facilities. If funding is sought to get from one place to another, proposals should be submitted in the TRAVEL category. Proposals normally submitted in the CONSERVATION or FIELD RESEARCH categories should be submitted here if travel funding is being sought. Proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from another member of the SSAR or a student's major advisor or committee chairperson, or the regional society president.

6. INTERNATIONAL. Proposals may address needs in any of the above five categories. The applicant must be a student, but not necessarily a SSAR member. Preference will be given to students with limited access to research funds and in countries where herpetological research has historically been under-funded.

In keeping with the Society's goal of encouraging participation by the broadest possible community, preference may be given to individuals who might not have access to other funding sources. All applicants must be students AND members of the SSAR with the following exceptions: 1) those applying for support of regional herpetological society projects need not be SSAR members; 2) those applying for the International category must be students but need not be SSAR members; 3) those applying for the Herpetological Education category need not be a student or a SSAR member.

Membership dues must be paid (to SSAR Treasurer) no later than 31 December 2006 for proposals to be considered. Applicants are limited to submission of one proposal in one category per year. Past recipients of an SSAR GIH award in any category are not eligible for future awards. Applicants must designate to which of the six categories their proposal is submitted (although the committee reserves the right to reassign proposals to categories). If proposals in any of the categories are not forthcoming, or judged not to be of sufficient quality, the funds in those categories may be transferred to other categories. Each proposal must include the following:

(A) TITLE PAGE giving the title of the project, the name, mailing address, office and home telephone numbers and, if possible, fax number and e-mail address of the applicant. The title page should also include the following numerated items completed in this format on the bottom left corner of the Title Page:

- 1) Category:
- 2) Word count:
- 3) Student status (give school):
- 4) SSAR membership since:
- 5) SSAR budget portion:

6) a statement indicating that applicants "will comply with all applicable permit regulations, and adhere to all appropriate animal care guidelines in the course of conducting funded projects.";

(B) BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES of the proposed project.

(C) METHODS of carrying out the project.

(D) COMPLETE PROJECT BUDGET (regardless of whether the SSAR grant will entirely cover expenses). Include an explicit explanation of how an SSAR award of \$500 would be applied toward the objectives of the project (here as well as on Title Page), and provide a listing of all current and pending support for the project.

(E) BRIEF RESUMÉ/CURRICULUM VITAE of the applicant or project coordinator.

(F) LETTER OF SUPPORT.

The proposal must be typed, double spaced, and must not exceed 1,200 words, excluding title page, literature cited, resumé, and budget. All proposals must be submitted (post-marked or email date) no later than 28 February 2007 to be considered. Electronic submission in any format is necessary (except for special cases approved by SSAR-GIH Chair). Failure to meet these guidelines may result in elimination of a proposal from consideration. The awards will be announced on or around 1 April 2007.

Successful applicants are encouraged to submit the results of their research for publication in the Journal of Herpetology or Herpetological Review, or to present their findings at the annual meeting of the SSAR. Submit proposals or questions regarding application procedures to:

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