

American Society of Plant Taxonomists 2017 Research Grants for Graduate Students

The ASPT is pleased to announce the Society's annual competition for research grants for graduate student investigators. Support is available for both masters and doctoral students to conduct fieldwork, herbarium studies, and/or laboratory research in any area of plant systematics. No award will exceed \$1000, and it is unlikely that proposals from previous recipients will be funded. Proposals will be funded on the basis of merit, regardless of the research area within systematics.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Society's Awards and Honors Committee and must include the following:

1. Curriculum vitae
2. Proposal (the text, including figures and tables but excluding literature cited, should not exceed two single-spaced pages) that describes the research to be conducted, emphasizing the role the grant funds will play
3. Itemized budget.

Eligibility: Applicants must be members of ASPT at the time of the application deadline. Details regarding ASPT membership can be found at the ASPT homepage (<https://members.aspt.net/>).

Proposal submission: Proposal materials (items 1-3 above) must be submitted electronically as a single pdf file. Please use the following formats for the filename: student name_proposalASPT.pdf

All application materials should be submitted to Dr. Jocelyn Hall via e-mail:

jocelyn.hall@ualberta.ca.

Submission deadline for all materials: **Monday March 6, 2017.**

Descriptions of the projects of past recipients can be found by year on the ASPT website at:

<https://aspt.net/award/>

Proposals will be evaluated within three major areas:

- 1.- Scientific Merit (60%). Main evaluation criteria:
 - 1.1.- Contribution to novel methods for research in systematics and taxonomy
 - 1.2.- Contribution to generation of novel systematic data
 - 1.3.- Quality and significance of questions being addressed
 - 1.4.- Adequacy of methods for testing hypotheses (data collection/analysis)
- 2.- ASPT Community Building (20%). Main evaluation criteria:
 - 2.1.- Applicant's potential for professional success
 - 2.2.- Perceived need; extent to which the project will benefit from ASPT funding
- 3.- Broader Impact (20%). Main evaluation criteria:
 - 3.1.- The research will yield durable benefits (e.g., databases, websites)
 - 3.2.- The proposed research involves outreach/mentoring and broad dissemination