

Herman Becker Student Field Work Grant

Deadline: March 15 (annually)

The purpose of this grant is to provide funds supporting field work for undergraduates' research project and graduate students' thesis/dissertation. Funds are to be used to support field activities (i.e. collecting new information during an in-person visit to a locality or museum collection) by the awardee. Funds up to \$2500 may be awarded.

Submission Materials:

1. Abstract (300 words)
2. Narrative - must include: (1) a description of the research, including appropriate conceptual background; (2) purpose or objective; (3) brief outline of methodology, including a statement about whether permits are needed and the plan to acquire them; and (4) potential contribution or significance to paleobotany and to the student's career development. Not to exceed two single spaced pages.
3. Budget detailing how the funds would be used (one page). Include any other available funds, and if budget exceeds amount of this award, where additional funds will come from.
4. Literature Cited (one page)
5. Current CV
6. A Field Safety Plan approved by advisor
6. One letter of support including any required permits (emailed separately to the Paleobotanical Section Secretary)

Review Process:

1. The Section chair will form a committee to review all submitted grants each year and determine awardee(s).
2. Committee members should represent various research foci and geologic time periods.
3. The award will be based on merit, feasibility, and completeness of submission.
4. The winner(s) will be notified no later than May 31 of the application year.

Eligibility:

1. Must be an active member of the Botanical Society of America: Paleobotanical Section.
- Must have been a member for at least two years prior to the proposal submission.
2. Must be an undergraduate or graduate student. This award is not intended for post-doctoral researchers or those holding a non-tenure track (e.g., lecturer, adjunct, collections manager, research scientist) position.
3. Must be active in research as evidenced by conference presentations (oral or poster) and/or paper submissions (accepted and rejected).
4. Have not been awarded this in the past three years, with priority given to those who have not received the award in the past

Conditions of award:

1. Awardees must submit a written progress report, ca. 1 page plus up to 3 photographs, to the Section Secretary no later than 2 years after completion of field work. This report will be published in the Paleobotanical Section newsletter.

2. Awardees are requested to present their research at BSA within 4 years of completing field work.
3. Acknowledgement of the Paleobotanical Section, Botanical Society of America should be given in all presentations and publications relating from the work supported by this award.