

## **Society Content**

## **ASM Comments and News**

# SAVE THE DATE!!! 103<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

Please join us 7 to 11 June 2024 for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists, to be held at the campus of CU Boulder in Boulder, Colorado. Learn about the latest advances in the study of mammals and interact with researchers and educators specializing in these fascinating animals.

The scientific program will include contributed oral and poster presentations as well as plenary speakers, symposia, and workshops. A full social agenda also is planned, including fieldtrips, opening social, the annual Run-for-Research, student social, and closing social and awards ceremony. Detailed conference and registration information will be made available on the conference website (www.mammalmeetings.org).

For more information about the 2024 meeting, contact the ASM Program Director, John Hanson (mammal.meetings@gmail.com) or meeting planner, Kerrell Dunsmore (kerrell@thenext-greatevent.com).

#### STUDENT PROGRAMS

ASM is deeply committed to fostering future generations of mammalogists. We support our student and early-career members financially in a variety of ways, including grants to support new and ongoing research projects, awards, fellowships, and honoraria to recognize accomplishments of students and early-career mammalogists, and travel awards to offset the costs of attending the annual meeting (Table 1). Students and early-career scientists are also eligible for some other Society awards and recognitions, but those require nominations rather than a submitted application. Visit the ASM website for links to each grant or award, with details on eligibility, how to apply, and any changes to deadlines, at www.mammalogy.org/grants.

**Grants-in-Aid of Research** (up to \$1,500) support field or laboratory research in any area of mammalogy. Applications due 1 March.

African Research Fellowships (up to \$1,500) support research by African nationals in any area of mammalogy. Applications due 15 April.

Latin American Field Research Awards (up to \$1,500) support field projects in mammalogy by Latin American students. Applications due 1 March.

The **James L. Patton Award** (\$5,000) supports museum-based research in mammalogy, including travel costs to visit collections. Applications due 1 March.

The **Donald W. and Glennis A. Kaufman Research Award** (\$2,500) supports field-based ecological research on native mammals in the North American Great Plains, with an emphasis on rodents and shrews. Applications due 1 March.

The **Guy N. Cameron Rodent Research Award** (one graduate student, one postdoctoral researcher, at \$5,000 each) supports field research on rodents in the Western Hemisphere. Applications due 1 March.

**Student Science Policy Awards** provide an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a two-day event in the spring in which students interested in the science-policy interface receive public policy training and participate in Congressional Visits Day. Applications due 21 January.

The Black and Indigenous Scholars in Mammalogy Award (one or two awards, up to \$1,500 each) provides funds to support research or other activities in mammalogy of a scholar (high school age or older) from, or residing in, the Western Hemisphere who is of Black/African American origin and/or a representative of any of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas. Applications due 1 March.

**Honoraria** are awarded to four graduate students (\$2,000) and two undergraduate students (\$1,200) to present the results of their research at ASM meetings. Applications due 15 February.

The **ASM Fellowship** (\$20,000 for 2021) recognizes accomplishments in mammalogy by a graduate student and is our highest student award. Funds are not dedicated to a specific research proposal, but intended to support the student in any capacity that promotes a professional career in mammalogy. Applications due 1 May.

The Albert and Alma Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy (\$5,003 for 2021) also recognizes accomplishments in mammalogy by a graduate student. Like the ASM Fellowship, the Shadle Fellowship is not a grant in support of a specific project, but intended to allow the recipient greater freedom in pursuing their research and promoting a professional career in mammalogy. Students must be enrolled in a college or university in the United States to receive the Shadle Fellowship. Applications due 1 March.

The **Oliver P. Pearson Award** (\$5,000, plus \$2,000 for travel to an ASM meeting) supports a young professional (within 5 years of receipt of PhD) who holds an academic position in a Latin American institution. Applications due 1 March.

In addition to the above, the ASM offers **Travel Awards** to both students and early career professionals to aid in attending ASM meetings. Requests for support are submitted at the time of abstract submission for the annual meeting.

Table 1. —ASM Student and Early-career Awards and Grants

Aim	ASM Funding Program	Award Type	Undergraduate	Graduate	Early-career
Provide funds for new and ongoing research projects and professional development	Grants-in-Aid of Research	Research funds	X	X	
	Latin American Graduate Student Field Research Awards	Research funds		X	
	African Research Fellowships	Research funds		X	
	James L. Patton Award	Research funds		X	
	Donald W. and Glennis A. Kaufman Research Award	Research funds		X	
	Guy N. Cameron Rodent Research Award	Research funds		X	X
	Student Science Policy Awards	Conference travel and AIBS membership		X	
	Black and Indigenous Scholars in Mammalogy Award	Research funds	X	X	X
Recognize outstanding completed student research or other contributions to mammalogy	Undergraduate Student Honoraria	Meeting travel funds	X		
	Graduate Student Honoraria	Meeting travel funds		X	
	Carol and Jim Patton Awards	ASM memberships		X	
Recognize excellence in student research and service and the potential for a productive career in mammalogy	American Society of Mammalogists Fellowship	Research funds		X	
	Albert R. and Alma Shadle Fellowship	Research funds		X	
	Oliver P. Pearson Award	Research and Meeting travel funds			X
Support participation in Annual Meeting and ASM	Travel Awards	Meeting travel funds	X	X	X

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS** SPONSOR FUND

The International Relations Committee has devised a method of providing membership in ASM to mammalogists from outside the United States and Canada who wish to become members, but simply cannot afford to. Some members already sponsor ASM membership for foreign mammalogists on a continual basis. However, others who are unable to provide a full membership on a continual basis, may wish to contribute a partial membership or a full membership during some years. Such is now possible through contributions to the Sponsor Fund. The fund will be handled as follows:

Members who want to help sponsor membership of a mammalogist can do so by going to the ASM business office website: https://asm.wildapricot.org/Donate and selecting the Sponsored Membership Fund.

When money in the Fund reaches any multiple of the current amount for annual dues, dues for a mammalogist in need of sponsorship will be paid. Contributions will be used directly to sponsor foreign members: the Fund will not be of the type from which only the interest is used to pay memberships.

Money in the Fund will be managed through the Secretary-Treasurer's office.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be designated as the sponsor of

At the end of three years, members of the International Relations Committee will verify that sponsored individuals still need and want sponsorship. Sponsorship from the fund could extend to a maximum of five years.

Members should submit names and mailing and e-mail addresses of foreign mammalogists in need of sponsorship to the chair of the International Relations Committee, Andrea Previtali (andrea.previtali@gmail.com).

#### MAMMAL IMAGES LIBRARY

The Mammal Images Library is a nonprofit educational service of the American Society of Mammalogists. The goal of the library is providing images of mammals for educational purposes worldwide. The present collection consists of 6,200+ images depicting 27 orders, 163 families, 890+ genera, and 2,000+ species. Images suitable for optical projection for nonprofit, educational purposes may be viewed and obtained on the Society's website at http:// www.mammalogy.org/image-library. Please remember to credit

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In addition to optical projection for nonprofit instruction, many of the images can be employed (with permission) for other purposes, including commercial uses. For permission to use images for purposes other than nonprofit optical projection, contact the committee chair: David Huckaby, California State University, Long Beach, Department of Biological Sciences, 1250 Bellflower Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90840-9502; david.huckaby@csulb. edu; 562-985-4869; Fax: 562-985-8878.

The Library continually seeks new images for the collection and urges anyone having images to contribute them. For information about contributing images, contact the committee chair. The committee thanks the hundreds of people who have contributed images thus far.

#### MAMMALIAN SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Mammalian Species accounts are produced by assignment only. Upon written request to the Editor-in-Chief for Mammalian Species, exclusive privileges to produce an account will be granted for one year, with the possibility of a one-year extension if the Editor-in-Chief is convinced that sufficient progress is being made toward completion. At the Editor's discretion, assignments not submitted at the end of this period may be cancelled. A maximum of five species may be reserved at one time. Please see additional instructions on procedures for reserving an account on the Mammalian Species website: https://academic.oup.com/mspecies/ pages/General Instructions.

Mammalian Species is available online-only to all ASM members; print copies are no longer published. Requests for assignment of species and other editorial queries should be addressed to Meredith Hamilton, Editor-in-Chief of Mammalian Species, Department of Zoology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078; meredith.hamilton@okstate.edu.

#### BUDDY SYSTEM FOR AUTHORS

ASM has a "buddy system" to assist authors who are not native English speakers with the preparation of their manuscripts for submission to the Journal of Mammalogy. "Buddies" are mammalogists who have offered to preview manuscripts that need editorial revision for writing in English. Manuscripts are assigned to "buddies" after they have been submitted to the Journal and the editorial staff has determined that the manuscript would benefit from the assistance of a "buddy" before the manuscript is formally peer-reviewed. Individuals interested in having their names added to the list of "buddies" should contact Virginia Hayssen (vhayssen@smith.edu).

#### DEATHS REPORTED

Kunwar Bhatnagar, Life Member (deceased in 2021 but previously unreported in the Journal) Chester Martin, Regular Member

Roy Horst, Life Member

#### ACKNOWLEDGING THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS

The long-term vitality of the American Society of Mammalogists depends upon the philanthropy of our members and others that support our programs in research and education. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of those who have made monetary contributions to the Society during the past year. Such contributions have been particularly critical in supporting the next generation of mammalogists — our students. Funds to which donations can be directed include: a) African Research Fellowship Fund; b) Annual Meeting Contribution; c) ASM Contribution Fund (General Reserve Fund); d) Black and Indigenous Scholars in Mammalogy Award; e) Future Mammalogists Fund (donations to the annual auction are deposited in this fund); f) James L. Patton Award; g) Latin American Student Research Fund; h) Sponsored Membership Program; i) J. Mary Taylor Award for Diversity and Inclusive Excellence in Mammalogy. Details about these and other funds can be found on the ASM website, as well as a link where donations can be made (https://asm.wildapricot. org/Donate).

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