

2021 Botany Travel Awards

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Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be accepting applications for Botany Travel Awards in 2021. However, we do expect to put out our usual call for applications in the fall of 2021, with a deadline in early 2022, for travel later that year. For more information, please contact Pedro Acevedo, travel awards committee chair (acevedop@si.edu).

Travel Awards sponsored by the Department of Botany are awarded through an annual competition. Typically, about four awards of up to US\$3000 are made. The intent of these awards is to support the study of specimens housed in the U.S. National Herbarium and preference is given to students or researchers who work on tropical plants. Those interested in being considered for these awards are asked to submit a curriculum vitae, a short proposal, and a letter of support. A call for applications is usually made in the fall, with application materials due in the winter, and recipients announced in early spring. Successful applicants are expected to visit the U.S. National Herbarium within a year of receiving an award.

José Cuatrecasas Award. This award commemorates the late Dr. José Cuatrecasas, who was associated with the U.S. National Herbarium for over fifty years. He dedicated his career to the study of the high elevation flora of northern South America, and he monographed or revised a number of Neotropical angiosperm families.

Lyman B. & Ruth C. Smith Award. This award is intended to provide career development opportunities for young scientists. The fellowship was created to honor the legacy of the late Dr. Lyman B. Smith and his wife Ruth C. Smith. Dr. Smith, former Curator of Botany at the U.S. National Herbarium, monographed a number of Neotropical angiosperm families and his wife's support was instrumental in his success.

Harold E. Robinson and Vicki A. Funk Award. This award is restricted to the study of Asteraceae. It honors Dr. Harold E. Robinson and Dr. Vicki A. Funk, who devoted the majority of their careers to understanding the systematics and phylogeny of this large and diverse family, especially in the Neotropics.