

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2023 Department of Botany Travel Awards

Department of Botany Travel Awards are presented annually to support the study of collections in the United States National Herbarium. Typically, about four awards are made, each with an allowance up to 4000 USD. Preference is given to students working on tropical plants.

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 variety of neotropical angiosperm genera.

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 several neotropical angiosperm families and contributed to several flora projects of South America; his wife's support was instrumental in his success.

Harold E. Robinson & Vicki A. Funk Award. This award is restricted to the study of Asteraceae. It honors the late Drs. Harold E. Robinson and Vicki A. Funk, both former Curators at the U.S. National Herbarium, who devoted most of their careers to understanding the systematics and phylogeny of this large and diverse family, especially in the Neotropics.

To apply for these awards, please submit your **curriculum vitae** and a **short proposal** (following the template available at <u>https://naturalhistory.si.edu/research/botany/opportunities</u>) to Dr. Pedro Acevedo (<u>acevedop@si.edu</u>). Please also arrange for a **letter of support** to be emailed separately to the same address. Complete applications must be received no later than **15 January 2023**. All applicants will be notified of the decisions made by our selection committee by the end of February.