

Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History Department of Botany Travel Awards

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.

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 Award. This award is restricted to the study of Asteraceae. It honors Dr. Harold E. Robinson, Curator Emeritus at the U.S. National Herbarium, who devoted the majority of his career to understanding the systematics and phylogeny of this large and diverse family, especially in the Neotropics.

We are pleased to announce the 2019 competition for Travel Awards sponsored by the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History Department of Botany!

To apply for an award, please submit your **curriculum vitae** and a **short proposal** (following the template provided on the next page) to Eric Schuettpelz (schuettpelze@si.edu). 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 2019**. All applicants will be notified of the decisions made by our selection committee as soon as possible.

Proposals should use Times New Roman 12-point font, be single spaced with 1-inch margins, and not exceed 2 pages. To simplify the processing of applications, please use the following naming conventions for your files:

yoursurname_proposal.pdf
yoursurname_cv.pdf
yoursurname_reference.pdf

**Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History Department of Botany
Travel Award Application**

Applicant: [your name here]
Email address: [your email here]
Citizenship: [your citizenship here]
Affiliation: [your institutional affiliation here]
Academic status: [your current status (e.g., Ph.D. candidate) here]
Taxonomic focus: [your taxonomic focus here]
Total requested: [your requested funding here, not to exceed 3000 USD]
Proposed dates: [your proposed dates of visit here]
Title: [your research project title here]

Description of overall research project

[insert description of overall research project here]

Specific objectives of the proposed visit

[insert specific objectives of the proposed visit here]

Budget justification

[insert budget justification here]

References

[insert references here]