



Department of Entomology

2017 Student Proposals
Request for Application (RFA)

PROGRAMS: 1) Hutson Endowment Proposal
 2) Scriber Scholar in Butterfly Biology and Conservation Proposal

DATE: February 7, 2017

Each year the Department of Entomology at Michigan State University holds a competition for eligible students to compete for funds to support a research, extension or outreach project. The purpose of this competition is to cultivate and reward outstanding student proposals. The form of the award will be operating support to fund the awarded projects. Unfunded proposals receive reviews to assist with learning the grant writing process.

Awards may be given to one student recipient in the following categories:

- 2 awards to PhD students in the amount of \$2,500 each (Hutson)
- 2 awards to MS students in the amount of \$1,500 each (Hutson)
- 1 award to a BS student in the amount of \$1,000 (Hutson)
- 1 award to an undergraduate or graduate student in the amount of \$1,500 (Scriber Scholar)

ELIGIBILITY:

- Only students currently enrolled as a student in the Department of Entomology may submit a Hutson Endowment Proposal. Students enrolled in the Department of Entomology, Integrative Biology or EEBC may apply for the Scriber Scholar Award.
- Students are allowed to be awarded one Hutson Endowment Proposal during their degree program. Students may re-apply the following year if their proposal is not awarded and they are still a student in the department in good academic standing. Students may apply for more than one Hutson Endowment Proposal if they get an additional degree in the department.
- Scriber Scholar proposals must focus on research and/or public science education in butterfly biology and conservation. Students may apply for this award for multiple years even if the student receives the award.
- Minimum 3.0 overall GPA

These proposals should be entirely the product of the individual student. Proposals should be no longer than five pages. Unallowable expenses include Project Investigator's salary and equipment items including computers, digital cameras, or recorders unless circumstances are well justified. The criteria for evaluation will be experimental design, originality, feasibility, significance, clarity, and budget justification.

• **Hutson Endowment Proposals and Scriber Scholar Proposals should consist of:**

- Proposal Cover Page
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Objectives
- Methods (if applicable)
- Significance in your specific field
- Literature cited
- Project Budget Form with outlined budget, including funds for the project from another source (e.g. funding from a grant, fellowship, etc.)
- An updated curriculum vitae

Awards will be announced at the Entomology Awards Reception being held at the Kellogg Center on April 27, 2017. Awarded funds must be spent according to the approved budget between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

Students applying for these funds should submit their proposals electronically through Entomology's Scholarships and Research Projects web site at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2017EntomologyAwards/>

Any questions should be directed to Heather Lenartson-Kluge at lenartso@msu.edu.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 27, 2017!