

Essig Museum Visiting Taxonomist Grant

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Purpose:

This fund is to help defer travel costs incurred by taxonomic experts whose visit will enhance the state of the specimens in the Essig collection and associated electronic data.

Amount:

Typical awards will be \$600-\$1000, provision being given for distance traveled and duration of time spent working in the Essig collection. The award committee will make the selection based on the requirements and preferences as listed below and contingent on the availability of funds.

Eligibility:

Any person with taxonomic expertise and currently active research may apply. Applicants must have demonstrated the skills needed to enhance our collection. If the applicant is not currently employed with an institution or private-sector business as an entomologist or similar, then he/she must provide evidence of some actual connection, formal or informal, to the mainstream community of researchers. A brief letter of recommendation or list of publications would be sufficient for this purpose. All students should provide a very brief letter of endorsement from an advisor, which attests to their taxonomic expertise.

Requirements:

Applicants must agree to do the following:

1. Work in the Essig collection for a minimum of three days or equivalent (~24 hours) during Bay Area visit. Activities must include physical curation of specimens, e.g. identifying, sorting and databasing of Essig material.
2. Give an informal lunch talk or similar presentation to a group here on campus about his/her research or topic of choice.

Preference given to:

1. Work on a neglected or poorly curated part of the collection. For 2013, we would like to encourage applications from experts in Coleoptera: Curculionidae, Diptera: Brachycera and Hymenoptera: Ichneumonoidea.

Send all inquiries regarding collection holdings to Peter Oboyski poboyski@berkeley.edu

2. Applicants from out of state and beyond typical driving distance, i.e. not part of the "local community."

3. Applicant who does not have access to funds or has insufficient funds to make the trip otherwise.

4. Applicants who have not received funds in previous cycles.

Application procedures:

Application period and deadline:

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year, but at least three months before the planned visit. **Send completed applications to Kip Will (kipwill@berkeley.edu)**

1. A single PDF document with the sections listed below must be submitted by email 3 months before the proposed visit.

- a. Contact information (Name, affiliation, address)
- b. Project title and short description of the general purpose of the proposed visit and how the visit will benefit your research.
- c. Proposed dates of the visit.
- d. Briefly summarize any other activities to be conducted while in the Bay Area, e.g. other collections or institutions that will be visited, talks that will given, etc.
- e. List other sources of funding that will be used for the trip if any.
- f. C.V. with information not otherwise reported, maximum 2 pages
- g. List of pertinent publications or a URL to an online publication list