

Application for Reed Fellowship for Copepod Research

The *Edward B. and Phyllis E. Reed Endowment* supports endeavors that clarify systematics, taxonomy, ecology and biogeography of freshwater copepods of North America, and, in particular, seeks to strengthen career development of a graduate student, postdoctoral trainee or young professional. Proposals are encouraged for independent research that may include work in the field, laboratory or in existing collections. Preference will be given to proposals that address systematics, monographic treatments, or biogeographic studies, especially when these utilize the Smithsonian Institution collections. When research questions centered on North American freshwater copepods require study of estuarine or marine copepods, or extend beyond North America, such study may be supported by this fellowship if adequately justified on the basis of relevance to North American copepods.

The Endowment is intended to cover research costs, which commonly include travel. Travel-associated costs, however, should be kept to a minimum; proposals will be scrutinized for “value” relative to research. Budgets may not exceed \$10,000. In 2015 we anticipate funding 1 proposal, but reserve the right to make no awards. We anticipate notifying applicants of their status by 15 February 2015.

Successful applicants must submit a brief report on how funds were spent, including mention of results, as soon as possible but no more than one year after completion of the proposed project period. Publications benefitting from awarded funds are expected to acknowledge support of the Edward B. and Phyllis E. Reed Endowment for Copepod Research.

Eligibility: All nationalities are eligible. Senior professionals are eligible but should consider the goals and priorities stated above. A significant career/discipline change may count as training for established, senior professionals. The Department of Invertebrate Zoology can provide a letter of invitation and evidence of support for a visit to the USA but the awardee is responsible for meeting all visa requirements and dealing with tax issues.

Deadline: midnight 15 December 2014. Send proposals to norenburgj@si.edu

Proposal requirements:

1. Description of proposed work (no more than 5 pages A-4, double-spaced, 11-pt, Cambria, Times or Times New Roman, 2.5 cm margins; literature cited and budget pages can be additional; citations should be by author name, with literature cited alphabetically). Include the following sections: Background, Research Question, Methods, Field and/or Lab work Components, Significance of Research, Expected Products. Literature Cited page is not included in the 5-page limit. Proposals must be submitted as a PDF or Microsoft Word-readable document.

2. Proposals must be accompanied by a statement that all necessary permits are in hand or can be if the project is funded, or that none are necessary. Final award of funding is contingent on evidence that all necessary permits are in hand.

3. Proposals must be accompanied by the applicant's *curriculum vitae* listing the institutional affiliation, and a letter from the advisor describing the training component if the applicant is a student.

4. A research budget, which must include the following table, followed by justification by category.

Budget Page and Budget Justification

Expenditures with brief explanatory notes	Estimated cost
Field & Lab Supplies	
Travel	
Airfare	
Lodging	
Per diem	
Other	

5. For visits to institutions other than the applicant's own, the applicant must provide a letter of invitation that indicates the institution's understanding of the proposal and that it will provide the requested accommodation.

6. The application must include a *curriculum vitae* for each person having a role in the proposed project (no more than 2 pages for each participant; each listing up to 5 relevant publications, up to 5 other publications, and up to 5 activities synergistic with the proposed work; e.g., US National Science Foundation style).

7. The applicant or applicant's institution must be willing to receive electronic payment from the Smithsonian Institution, both of which are likely to require establishing a "vendor" account with the US government (a web-based process). The applicant, if receiving funds directly, is responsible for any tax consequences. An institution, if receiving the funds, may take no more than 10% of the award as overhead. Applicant must verify cooperation of a receiving institution, specify who will receive funds and budget accordingly.

8. Questions should be by e-mail and directed to: Dr. Jon L Norenburg
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