

MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOOLOGY PUTNAM EXPEDITION GRANT APPLICATION

Description:

The Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ) at Harvard University periodically awards travel grants that support collection of specimens and data relating to the study of comparative zoology, which are known as Putnam Expedition Grants. Preference is given to requests in two categories:

- 1) Collecting living specimens in regions where habitats are threatened, or
- 2) Collecting fossil specimens in regions most likely to hold important clues for unraveling evolutionary strategies.

Support is provided solely to defray costs of travel and related subsistence expenses incurred in pursuit of these objectives.

ALL SPECIMENS COLLECTED DURING A PUTNAM EXPEDITION SHALL BE DEPOSITED
IN THE PERMANENT COLLECTIONS OF THE MCZ.

Eligibility:

Eligibility for Putnam Expedition Grants is restricted to current faculty, post-docs and students in the MCZ. Applicants may apply as individuals or as leaders of expedition teams. Research by Harvard undergraduates is eligible for support, but such work should be conducted under the direct supervision of an MCZ faculty-curator, who submits the proposal as principal investigator. Higher priority for funding may be given to applicants who have not previously received a Putnam Grant and, for postdocs, whose projects relate directly to the research expertise and interests of their faculty sponsor.

Deadlines:

Proposals are reviewed twice a year. Application deadlines are 1 October (fall semester) and 11 March (spring semester). *Each grantee must provide a final report (1–2 pages) that summarizes scientific accomplishments derived from the award within six months of travel completion.* Reports for prior awards must be received before new applications from the same individual will be considered.

Applications should be submitted via email to grants@oeb.harvard.edu. All materials, including letters of support must be received by the application deadline.

Questions:

Please direct all inquiries to Catherine Weisel in OEB Administration via email or call 617.495.2460.

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Name (Last, First, MI) _____ Date _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (last, first, MI)	
Current Academic Position	
MCZ Department/Faculty advisor <i>(students and postdocs only)</i>	
Email address	
Permanent (legal) address	
Phone	
Citizenship	

PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Project Title	
Faculty Sponsor	
Total Funds Requested	
Date of Submission	
Previous Putnam Funds (year and award amount)	

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GRADUATE STUDENT APPLICANTS ONLY:

Please check the following boxes, as appropriate

- I have completed my doctoral qualifying exam.
Higher priority may be given to applicants who have passed their qualifying exam

DATE:

- I have applied, or plan to apply, for extramural support for research-related travel included in this proposal.

DESCRIBE THIS SUPPORT:

- I expect to apply for additional Putnam support beyond the current proposal.

APPROXIMATELY HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT DO YOU EXPECT TO REQUEST:

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- BUDGET

- CURRICULUM VITAE

- ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION (required for student and postdoctoral fellow applicants)

The letter of recommendation should evaluate 1) the merits of your travel request vis-à-vis your dissertation (grad students) or faculty-sponsored (postdocs) research, and 2) the likelihood of additional Putnam grant applications in support of this research beyond the current proposal. This letter should be submitted separately from the main application by the appropriate deadline.

Applicant Signature

Date

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide a clear and concise scientific justification for the proposed travel. State the project's specific goals in relation to the intent of the Putnam Expedition Grant program, including objective, expected activities and results, and describe your anticipated travel itinerary. Proposals should include how permits and legal compliance issues will be met. Proposals should be double spaced in a readable font (11 point or larger) and should not exceed 3 pages in length, including bibliography. Margins should be at least 1 inch. Please number each page.

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BUDGET

Please provide a detailed budget including cost of travel, lodging and meals. Do not request expenses related to shipping specimens. Applicants are encouraged to use Harvard-affiliated field assistants whenever possible.

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Total expenses requested:\$ _____

Please describe sources of additional support, if applicable:

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Please include a 1–2 page CV with recent publications.