

Culberson & Hale 2020 Field Lichenology Research Award A Call for Proposals

The American Bryological and Lichenological Society (ABLS) is pleased to announce this year's program to provide support for student field research in lichenology. This award is made possible by generous donations provided by Larry Giles of Duke University and others to ABLS in honor of William (Bill) Culberson and Mason Hale, both of whom were committed to field-based research on the biology of lichens.

We anticipate **2 awards of up to \$1000** each in support of fieldwork by lichenology students. Funds are intended primarily to support travel to field sites but requests to cover other expenses essential to field work will be considered. Proposed fieldwork may focus on any area of lichenological research including systematics, evolution, genetics, physiology, or ecology. Awards are **not** provided for support of travel to meetings, symposia, or to visit herbaria, museums, or other institutions.

Conditions for eligibility:

- Applicant must be a member of ABLS. In the case of undergraduates who are not members of ABLS, their faculty or graduate student advisor must be a member.
- Funds are to be used for expenses associated with fieldwork and cannot be used for laboratory expenses
- A previous recipient is eligible to apply as long as the report on the previous award has been submitted BEFORE the current application is received.

Proposals are due no later than 1 March 2020, and should be submitted by e-mail to ABLS Secretary Diane Haughland <mailto:abls.membership@gmail.com> with the subject line "ABLS C&H Student Field Award Application".

Proposals should include:

1. A brief cover letter stating the request and title of the project
2. A letter of support from the graduate or undergraduate student's advisor
3. A 1-page curriculum vita for the applicant, plus qualifications of a graduate student advisor if appropriate
4. A proposal, of NO MORE THAN TWO (2) single spaced pages (one inch margin, 12 point font). The FIRST page should include the PROJECT DESCRIPTION (including 1-3 references MAXIMUM). References not required but at least one is a GOOD IDEA. The SECOND is the ITEMIZED BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION, including information about all other funding sources for the project and an explicit statement about additional support that would be necessary to complete the full study.

These four documents, as indicated above, should be included in one single pdf file, in the order listed. Name the file as follows: LastName_C&H Award_Year (for example, "StClair_C&H Award_2020")

Awardee(s) will be notified no later than 1 April 2020.

Note: A brief report (1-2 page) detailing research results is required by 31 December 2020.