

Alaska Herpetological Society
Research Grant Stipulations

Grant Purpose: The purpose of our proposed grant will be to stimulate and support herpetological research in the state of Alaska.

Applicant Solicitation: Our grant program will be publicized in our biannual newsletter, to our email list, and on our facebook page.

Applicant Eligibility:

To be eligible for our proposed grant program, applicants must:

- 1) Be a member in good standing with AHS
- 2) Be enrolled full-time in an accredited academic institution
- 3) Be proposing or engaging in herpetological related research in the state of Alaska

Grant Rules:

To obtain or maintain an AHS grant, recipients must:

1. Remain members of AHS in good-standing
2. Maintain a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average
3. Remain enrolled full-time in an accredited academic institution
4. Agree to submit a report of research activities at the end of the calendar year in which the research took place. This will include a financial statement of expenditures related to the grant.
5. Agree to submit a newsletter / website article including a photograph of his or her self.
6. Agree to present a brief presentation of his or her research activities funded by an AHS grant at the annual AHS meeting when reasonably possible
7. Agree to acknowledge AHS in all publications and presentations related to the research conducted under the grant

Grants cannot be renewed. While previous recipients will remain eligible for grants, they must reapply annually.

Selection Committee: The selection committee will be the Executive Board. Criteria for selection committee membership and the method of replacing committee members shall be the same as the Executive Board except where members of the Executive Board are grant applicants. Executive Board members, their relatives and substantial contributors are eligible for AHS grants. If an Executive Board member or his/her relative is an applicant for a grant, they will not serve on the selection committee. A volunteer who is a member in good standing of AHS shall replace the

Executive Board applicant on the selection committee. No applicant of the current grant cycle may serve on the selection committee.

Selection Criteria:

Grant applications will be ranked based on the following criteria:

1. Academic Performance
2. Soundness of Scientific Methodology
3. Contributions to knowledge of Alaskan herpetofauna
4. Alignment with AHS goals

Grant Oversight: The Executive Board will meet regularly to discuss the status of funded grant projects. The grant will be paid directly to individual recipients. Applicants will be required to submit unofficial transcripts with their application package. In the event that the Executive Board determines that a grant recipient is in violation of the grant stipulations, an official written warning will be issued. If the violation is not corrected in a timely manner, the recipient will become ineligible for future grant opportunities.

The Executive Board will (1) arrange to receive and review grantee reports annually and upon completion of the purpose for which the grant was awarded, (2) investigate diversions of funds from their intended purposes, and (3) take all reasonable and appropriate steps to recover diverted funds, ensure other grant funds held by a grantee are used for their intended purposes, and withhold further payments to grantees until you obtain grantees' assurances that future diversions will not occur and that grantees will take extraordinary precautions to prevent future diversions from occurring.

AHS will maintain all records relating to individual grants, including information obtained to evaluate grantees, identify whether a grantee is a disqualified person, establish the amount and purpose of each grant, and establish the supervision and investigation of grants.