

Graduate Student Research Award New England Botanical Society Application Instructions



The New England Botanical Society offers awards of up to \$3,000 to graduate students to support botanical research. The awards encourage and support botanical research on the New England flora (plants, algae, and fungi), including support for field, lab, and herbarium work, as well as travel to and within New England by those who would not otherwise be able to work in the region. The present budgeted amount for this award is \$6000, so it is anticipated that two to three awards will be given each year, although the actual number and amount of awards will depend on the proposals received in a given year.

The awards are made to the graduate student(s) submitting the best research proposal dealing with systematic botany, plant ecology, genetics, plant conservation biology, or related fields pertaining to the New England flora. Publications based on the research funded through the award should acknowledge NEBS's support. Submission of manuscripts to the Society's journal, *Rhodora*, is strongly encouraged.

Application Instructions

The application period opens on December 1 and closes on February 1.

Applicants will be notified as to the success of their proposals by March 1.

Students must submit their portion of the application (Part A) as a single PDF emailed to the Graduate Student Research Awards Committee Chair.

Letters of reference and support from the applicant's sponsors (Part B) must be sent separately and directly to the Graduate Student Research Awards Committee Chair, preferably as a PDF. Letters must be signed and should be on official letterhead.

Part A - all parts in a single PDF file, in the following order.

- Proposal of no more than three double-spaced pages, written in a scientific format and with a clear hypothesis or research question.
- Budget with brief justification, on a single page. Requests up to \$3000 will be considered.
- Literature cited, on a single page.

- Proposed list of field sites and evidence of permissions or permits received or pending. If appropriate, please [fill out this form](#).
- Curriculum vitae (CV)

Part B - Two reference letters, one from the student's thesis or dissertation advisor, in support of the proposed research. These reference letters should be sent via email directly by the writers to the Graduate Student Research Awards Committee Chair.

Electronic submission to the GSRA Committee Chair is required.

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If you have questions regarding eligibility, budget, and scope, please email the Committee Chair at GSRA@rhodora.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Winners of awards amounting to \$600 or more will be required to submit IRS Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number (provided by our treasurer) before award checks will be issued. In these cases, a Form 1099 will be issued the following January to the recipient reporting the amount as an award (as required by law). Awards will ONLY be paid to the student winners and NOT to any third party (such as colleges, universities, research institutions, employers, family members, etc.). For winners who are not United States residents, nonrefundable tax withholding of 30% will generally apply unless reduced or exempted by tax treaty.

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Upon accepting the award, recipients are required to submit an abstract describing the planned research in MS Word format for posting on the NEBC website.

For a list of past winners and their project abstracts, please see the [Graduate Student Research Award](#) web page.