



Les Mehrhoff Botanical Research Award New England Botanical Society Applicant Instructions



Established by the New England Botanical Society in memory of renowned botanist, NEBC Herbarium Curator, and long-time supporter of the New England Botanical Club, Dr. Leslie J. Mehrhoff, the award supports botanical endeavors of the sort that Les championed: field studies, herbarium, library, and archival research. The objective of NEBS in offering the award is to add to our understanding of the flora of New England and floristically related regions. The selection committee favors projects for which traditional funding (such as academic grants and in-house agency support) is difficult to secure.

Project Requirements: The research must advance our knowledge of plants that occur in northeastern North America, especially the New England region. Work of a broader scope that is pertinent to New England will also be considered. For purposes of the award, “plants” include vascular plants, non-vascular plants, algae, fungi, and lichens.

Types of Expenses Eligible for Support: Field, herbarium, library, and lab work are eligible for funding. Travel and living expenses associated with the research are eligible, as are supplies and equipment associated with field or lab work. Moderate stipends to help cover time spent on projects will be considered.

Eligibility: The award is open to anyone with background and experience sufficient to accomplish the proposed work. A central theme of the award is to encourage researchers to pursue lines of inquiry that might not otherwise be undertaken. Thus, awards may not be used to augment budgets of established research projects. Projects for which funding is difficult to secure from traditional sources are favored. Graduate students are eligible for projects outside the scope of their primary research (or prior to deciding on a project); more advanced graduate students are encouraged to apply for the NEBS Graduate Student Research Award. Advanced undergraduates are also eligible with a letter of support from their faculty advisor.

Amount of Award: The total funding available is **\$8,000**, with most grants expected to be **\$2,000** or less, depending on need and merit.

How to Apply: Please submit a proposal describing the research to be conducted, which includes:

1. Title page with proposal title, applicant's name, address, phone, and e-mail address
2. Body of the proposal of no more than three pages (For a proposal to be successful, the topic must be clearly described, the methods justified, and the results achievable within defined time limits)
3. Timeline for completion of the project
4. Deliverables including progress reports, if applicable, and plans for disseminating results
5. List of literature citations relevant to the project
6. Itemized budget, including brief justification for each item
7. Curriculum vitae or equivalent statement establishing the applicant's background and qualifications relative to the proposed project. For collaborative efforts, please include names, contact information and synopses of qualifications for all who will contribute to the project.

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. Recipients of funds are required to submit a short summary of the project outcome (in MS Word format) for posting on the NEBS website by December 1 in the year of the award.

Please submit your complete proposal via email to the Mehrhoff Award Committee:

Mehrhoff@Rhodora.org

The complete application should be sent as an email attachment, preferably in PDF format.

If you have questions regarding eligibility, budget, and scope, please email the Mehrhoff Award Committee at Mehrhoff@Rhodora.org.

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