

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
The Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department
And
The TENN HERBARIUM
Announce the
2018 Student Research Awards
Sponsored by the L. R. Hesler Herbarium Support Fund
Application Deadline: Nov 3, 2017

Awards are available for research in the areas of systematics, ecology, biogeography, conservation, and biodiversity of plants and fungi to undergraduate and graduate (Masters and Ph.D.) students currently working under the supervision of a faculty member affiliated with the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville. **Projects must be herbarium-based, either using or vouchering herbarium specimens or analyzing herbarium specimen data.** This includes but not limited to, taxonomic revisions using herbarium specimens, phylogenetic analyses using data from herbarium specimens, ecological studies that will result in vouchers deposited in the TENN herbarium, and biogeographic studies using spatial data from herbarium specimens. **A maximum of four Undergraduate and six Graduate Student awards will be given out in the 2018 competition.**

Please send your completed application form and proposal electronically as one PDF document to Dr. Victor Ma gma@utk.edu with "Hesler 2018 Student Award - <Student Level: UG or Grad> - <applicant's last name>" in the subject line. **Proposals are due on or before Nov 3, 2017.**

Award funding cannot be used for living expenses or to cover publication costs, but may be used for travel to scientific meetings at which you are presenting your herbarium-based research, visits to collections, fieldwork, supplies, or other costs directly related to research. **The awarded funds must be spent within one year (on or before Dec 31, 2018).** Any outstanding award funding remaining after that date will be returned to the Hesler Fund.

- The proposal should be limited to two (2) pages, including references, but excluding the application form, budget, and list of additional funding support.
- Detailed budget information must be included and should outline the specific uses for the requested funds. **Undergraduate students may request up to \$1000 and graduate students up to \$2000.**
- A detailed statement of all sources of current and pending support for your research project and/or travel (amount, source, dates of funding, and how much funding remains or is anticipated) must be included with the budget information. List any Hesler Fund Awards that you have received in the last five years, including the year, amount, purpose, and accomplishments from the award.
- **Once the award is granted the funds must be used as outlined in your proposal.**
- Final reports will be due one year from the award date and should outline goals, progress to date, conclusions, meeting presentations, publications, amount spent and for what purpose, and funds remaining, if any.
- Any student receiving an award in 2017 will be eligible to apply for an award in 2018. However, given funding limits, these applications may receive lower priority. Members of the UTK EEB Collections Committee will review the applications and recommend funding levels for the awards. Students will be notified in writing after the committees have made their decisions in March.
- Any thesis/dissertation, publication, or presentation aided by these awards must include a statement acknowledging the support of the L. R. Hesler Fund at the University of Tennessee Herbarium (TENN) and hard copies/PDFs should be sent to TENN.

**EEB and TENN Herbarium
Student Award Application Form – 2018**

Name of Applicant:

Email address:

Title of Proposal:

Student Level (Undergraduate or Graduate):

Year in the program:

EEB Affiliated Faculty Supervisor:

Comprehensive Exam Date (Graduate students only):

Amount requested in award: \$ _____ **For Office Use only**
Amount awarded: \$ _____

Applications for amounts up to \$1,000 for undergraduate students and \$2,000 for graduate students (Masters and Ph.D.) will be accepted.