Wilson Ornithological Society Research Grants Application Instructions

The deadline for applications and recommendations is normally Feb. 1. We are allowing an extension for 2020 applications of Feb. 15, 2020 at midnight EST.

Proposal Guidelines
File formats and components:
Applicants are asked to submit their proposals electronically to the following Google Form:
https://forms.gle/t1RmbMfkZSf7MogT7
Late applications or any applications not including all materials listed below will not be considered.
A complete application consists of (also see the checklist at the end of these instructions):

1. Filling out all requested information in the Google form
https://forms.gle/t1RmbMfkZSf7MogT7

> **NOTE:** All applicants and recommenders (e.g., advisors) must have an active google account to upload application documents.

2. A single pdf file uploaded to the Google form which includes:

> a. Proposal

>> i. The body of the proposal is limited to three 21.6 x 28 cm (8 1/2 x 11 in) pages, with 2.5 cm (1 in) margins and 12 point, double spaced typeface. This page limit includes neither the budget, literature cited, nor tables and figures sections. Please keep tables and figures to a minimum.

>> ii. Provide relevant background information. Clearly state the objectives of your study and state a research hypothesis or specific research goals. Proposals must state how your research will contribute to the advancement of ornithology, including how your work will answer ornithological questions from the literature, and how it will stimulate new questions for future studies. Include a statement of how the Wilson Ornithological Society grant will benefit this research and what alternatives will be sought if you do not receive Wilson Ornithological Society funding. Include a time frame within which you expect to complete the project.

>> iii. Proposals must provide information on research methodology, analytical methods (including statistical treatments) and the locality where the research will be conducted. Write this section for reviewers who may know little about specific methodologies in your field. If your research involves obtaining permits or capturing live animals, make it clear that you have obtained, or have initiated the process of securing permits and/or necessary Animal Care and Use training documents.

b. Budget

      i. Be specific and follow the monetary limits of the award(s) for which you are applying.

      ii. Appropriate budget items include: research related travel, expendable supplies and equipment, field expenses, personal stipends or stipends to pay field assistants. **NOTE:** If applying from a university, indirect costs will **not** be provided.

      iii. List budget items separately and indicate if you are applying for funding from other sources. ***The budget does is not count towards the 3 page limit.***

c. References - List all references cited in the body of the proposal, using the citation format of the Wilson Journal of Ornithology. ***The literature cited section does not count as part of the proposal page limit.***

d. Figures or Tables - Use as needed to clarify the text but try to minimize figures and tables to one page. ***The figures and tables do not count against the three page limit.***

e. Curriculum vitae - maximum two pages containing information about your education, employment history (if relevant), papers and posters presented at meetings, and publications.

3. One letter of recommendation. Please have your adviser or another person familiar with your research upload a pdf letter of recommendation online at the following link https://forms.gle/Rpaqa2HCZocaaBVx5

Assistance for International Applicants
The Wilson Ornithological Society aims to encourage and assist applicants whose first language is not English. Applicants whose first language is not English may choose to forward a copy of their proposal in their first language if they think it is needed to clarify the content. Applicants choosing this option must submit all Wilson Ornithological Society research application materials in English and at the same time send a single copy of their proposal in their first language, using the submission address listed above.

Submission
Direct inquiries to Dr. Meg Hatch, mih10@psu.edu
Phone: (570) 963-2529

Award Application Checklist

	Fill out Google Form (https://forms.gle/t1RmbMfkZSf7MogT7)	
	PDF of Proposal	
		Budget
		References
		Figures & Tables
	Curriculum Vitae	
	Letter of Recommendation (https://forms.gle/Rpaqa2HCZocaaBVx5)	