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Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research

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The Lewis and Clark Fund (initially supported by the Stanford Ascherman/Baruch Blumberg Fund for Basic Science, established by a benefaction from the late Stanford Ascherman, MD, of San Francisco) encourages exploratory field studies for the collection of specimens and data and to provide the imaginative stimulus that accompanies direct observation. Applications are invited from disciplines with a large dependence on field studies, such as archeology, anthropology, biology, ecology, geography, geology, linguistics, and paleontology, but grants will not be restricted to these fields.

Graduate students and postdoctoral and junior scientists wishing to pursue projects in astrobiological field studies should consult the program description and forms for the [Lewis and Clark Fund in Exploration and Field Research in Astrobiology](#).

Eligibility

Grants will be available to doctoral students. Postdoctoral fellows, master's degree candidates, and undergraduates are not eligible. Applicants who have received Lewis and Clark Fund grants may reapply after an interval of two years.

Applicants should ask their academic advisor to write one of the two letters of recommendation, specifying the student's qualifications to carry out the proposed work and the educational content of the trip. Budgets should be limited to travel and related expenses, including personal field equipment.

The competition is open to U.S. residents wishing to carry out research anywhere in the world. Foreign applicants must either be based at a U.S. institution or plan to carry out their work in the United States.

When appropriate, the applicant should provide assurances that safety measures will be taken for potentially hazardous projects. When necessary, the applicant and his or her supervisor should discuss the field training that will be provided and the provisions for experienced supervision. Funding is contingent on successful applicants demonstrating that required permits and permissions have been secured.

Awards

Amounts will depend on travel costs, but will ordinarily be in the range of several hundred dollars up to about \$5,000. Grants are payable to the individual applicant. Lewis and Clark Fund grants are taxable income, but the Society is not required to report payments. It is recommended that grant recipients discuss their reporting obligations with their tax advisors.

Deadlines

Application: January 15, with notification in May, for work in June and beyond. (In 2011, the deadline will fall on Monday, **January 17**.)

Letters of support: January 10

It is the applicant's responsibility to verify that all materials and letters of support have reached the Society; call 215-440-3429 or send an e-mail to LMusumeci@amphilsoc.org.

Requirements

Each Lewis and Clark Field Scholar will submit a brief report on his or her trip for archiving in the APS Library. Instructions will be provided with notification of an award.

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You may make as many visits to your application as you wish and revise any information in your application until it has been submitted. In order to be considered, your application must be complete and in SUBMITTED status by **1/17/11**. Applications begun but not submitted on or before October 1 will remain available for submission for the December 1 deadline.

Keep in mind that letters of support are due on the application deadline. As soon as you fill in the contact information for your letter writers, the system will send a message to them containing complete instructions on how to submit a letter on your behalf. You may want to fill in this section before completing the rest of the application in order to give your letter writers ample time to compose and submit their letters.

This online application consists of two parts: the application form itself and a list of recommenders (see [Letters of Support](#)).

Before beginning the application form, please read the following instructions carefully and make sure you meet all [eligibility](#) requirements.

A. How to SAVE and SUBMIT your data.

1. Do not use your browser's "BACK" or "FORWARD" buttons for navigation. Instead, use the navigation links and/or arrows provided on each application screen.
2. You must **SAVE each time you leave a screen**. If you do not click on SAVE, anything entered since you last hit SAVE on that screen will be lost. (Any work from a previous session will be retained, but any new entries will be lost.) The SAVE button is at the bottom of your screen.
3. You may work on your application in as many sessions as you wish, and the status of your application will be **IN PROGRESS** until you submit it. Once you are satisfied that your application is complete, you must go to the "Submit Application" screen and select **SUBMIT APPLICATION**.
4. When you have completed your application, pause to check it one last time. We strongly suggest that you print and read your application before submitting it, so that you can be sure there are no further revisions you wish to make. **Once your application has been SUBMITTED, even if it was submitted before the final deadline, no changes will be permitted.**
5. Your application status bar must show SUBMITTED by **1/17/11** in order for your application to be considered. The American Philosophical Society will take no responsibility for applications that are not in SUBMITTED status at the deadline.

B. How to enter data.

1. You may begin completing the application at any section.
2. What you type into the form is exactly what will be seen by our reviewers and what will flow directly into the database. Therefore, please fill out the form **carefully**, paying attention to spelling, case (**do not use all caps**), punctuation, et cetera, and give special consideration to the information typed into the address lines because **how you enter the information determines how it will appear on letters and printed labels when documents are mailed to successful applicants.**

3. Text boxes will hold only a limited amount of text. Where longer answers are permitted, the number of available characters will normally be indicated. **Examine your printed hard copy application to be sure your response is complete.**

4. Dates should always be entered in the format mm/yyyy or mm/dd/yyyy where indicated. Where an entry continues into the present, please simply leave the ending date blank (mm/yyyy -[blank]).

5. Begin typing all answers at the extreme left hand side of the response area or box; do not leave a space or indent at the beginning of your answer.

C. Best of luck on your application.

If you have questions about the application process, please consult the [FAQs](#). If your question is not answered there, click on the "HELP" link that appears on the top of each screen to submit your query.

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NAME: Dr. John Doe
E-MAIL: jdoe@amphilsoc.org
ALTERNATE E-MAIL:

BEST MAILING ADDRESS:
ADDRESS 1

ADDRESS 2

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>CITY</small>	<small>STATE/ PROVINCE/ REGION</small>	<small>ZIP/ POSTAL CODE</small>

COUNTRY (LEAVE BLANK IF THE UNITED STATES)

ADDRESS TYPE:

TELEPHONE:

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION:

YEAR IN DOCTORAL PROGRAM: (1ST, 2ND, ETC.)

FIELD OF STUDY:

ALTERNATE FIELD OF STUDY:
(OPTIONAL)

GENDER:

DATE OF BIRTH: (MM/DD/YYYY)

PLACE OF BIRTH:

CITIZENSHIP:

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Give ALL earned degrees, listing the most recent first:

INSTITUTION	DEGREE	DATE (YYYY)	FIELD OF STUDY

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PROJECT TITLE

(INCLUDE TIME PERIOD BEING STUDIED AND GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, IF APPROPRIATE):

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FIELD TRIP OR EXPLORATORY PROJECT, INCLUDING LOCATION:

(300 CHARACTER LIMIT, INCLUDING SPACES AND PUNCTUATION)

DATES OF TRIP OR PROJECT:

AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED:

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Indicate in the space below the nature of the studies to be undertaken, the hypotheses to be tested, and the observations to be made. Also describe the site and the equipment and methods to be used in the field and laboratory. Describe safety and training procedures when the field trip involves travel to potentially hazardous locations. Indicate where the proposed work fits into the thesis as a whole.

This form will not accept any formatting, including italics.

(8,000 CHARACTER LIMIT, INCLUDING SPACES AND PUNCTUATION AS WELL AS FOOTNOTES AND REFERENCES)

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RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS OR GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS:

RELEVANT LANGUAGE ABILITY AND TRAVEL EXPERIENCE:

ANY ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION?

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ALL AMOUNTS MUST BE FILLED IN WITH A NUMBER, DO NOT INCLUDE A DOLLAR SIGN.

IF NOT APPLICABLE, PLEASE ENTER 0.

TRAVEL:

AMOUNT MONTH/YEAR

SUBSISTENCE:

AMOUNT MONTH/YEAR

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES:

AMOUNT MONTH/YEAR

TOTAL:

TOTAL AMOUNT ENTERED ON RESEARCH PROJECT PAGE
BUDGET AMOUNTS MUST ADD UP TO TOTAL

EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR THE REQUESTED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS:

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OTHER GRANTS applied for to support this trip or project:

NAME OF FUND	PURPOSE	DATES OF TENURE	AMOUNT REQUESTED

(e.g., salary, supplies, etc.)

LIST ALL GRANTS RECEIVED and honors won within the past five years, indicating the amounts received and the dates of tenure.

GRANTING AGENCY	DATES OF TENURE	AMOUNT

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1) Letters of Support:

Two letters of support must be submitted. Applicants should ask their academic advisor to write one of the recommendations, specifying the student's qualifications to carry out the proposed work and the educational content of the trip.

2) Instructions for Requesting Recommenders:

Please select the "ADD RECOMMENDER" link below and complete the required information in the window that opens. After you have entered in the necessary information, select the "Send E-mail to Recommender" button. An e-mail request will be sent to the recommender with instructions on how to complete the online recommendation form. After sending the request, the recommender's name will appear in the Recommender box below, along with the "Status" of the letter itself.

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Recommender	Address	Date Entered	Status
none entered			

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Add Recommender

Please verify your recommender's e-mail address before proceeding. Once you complete this form, we will immediately send an e-mail to the recommender with appropriate instructions. Do not enter this information until you have communicated with your recommender, have verified the e-mail address, and are ready to send the e-mail to your recommender.

NAME:
FIRST LAST

E-MAIL:

CONFIRM E-MAIL:

TELEPHONE:

INSTITUTION:

POSITION/TITLE:

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS 1

ADDRESS 2

CITY

STATE/
PROVINCE/
REGION

ZIP/
POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY

NOTE TO RECOMMENDER:

SEND E-MAIL TO RECOMMENDER

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I have carefully reviewed the printed version of my application and it contains all of the necessary information. I understand that after I select the SUBMIT APPLICATION button, I will not be able to alter the information I have provided in the online application form.

I understand that I can submit my application even if my Letters of Reference have not been submitted. I will be able to send a reminder and track the status of my references by clicking on the "Track References" link on the home page of the Online Application Portal.

I understand that my application must be complete and SUBMITTED by **1/17/11**. The APS will take no responsibility for applications that are not in SUBMITTED status at the deadline.

If you agree to the above, please type your full name and click on the button below:

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