Marie Mellinger Field Botany Research Grant Program

Sponsored by the Georgia Botanical Society

The Georgia Botanical Society encourages research, conservation, and education focusing on native flora throughout the state. The primary goal of the Marie Mellinger Field Botany Research Grant Program is to support field-oriented research by investigators in the state of Georgia.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Students and faculty at colleges or universities within the State (or conducting research in Georgia), private consultants, government officials, and other qualified individuals with a demonstrated interest in field botany are eligible to apply for a grant. Studies may be conducted in other states as long as the taxa/communities of interest are also found in Georgia. Projects eligible for funding include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Floristic studies
- Species/habitat restoration
- Studies in plant systematics
- Quantitative analyses of vegetation
- Life history studies
- Research focusing on exotic pest plants
- Surveys for and conservation of state protected species and of federally endangered and threatened species
- Inventory and management of significant natural communities
- Horticultural investigation of native plant species

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES:

a) Proposal must be typed, in a no font smaller than 12, with 1 inch-wide margins, and no more than 4 pages in length including cover page (not including the one-page applicant profile).

b) Cover sheet with applicant’s name, institution (if any), mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number.

c) Description of the proposed study, including objectives and review of relevant literature.

d) Methods to be used (if permits are required, include details).

e) Complete project schedule (normally one to two years).

f) Anticipated benefits to research, education, and conservation of native plants in Georgia.

g) A detailed budget (may include travel expenses, expendable supplies, fees for equipment rental, laboratory services, printing costs, and costs associated with oral presentation preparation. The budget may not include funds to purchase computer equipment, GPS units, software or software applications, cameras, or any other permanent equipment.)

h) A profile or resume of the grant applicant, no more than one page in length.
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Research proposals may be submitted via email or U. S. mail postmarked by ______________________, for projects to begin in _______________. Proposals are reviewed by a Georgia Botanic Society evaluation committee; announcements of awards will be made by ______________________.

GRANT AMOUNTS: Funding requests in amounts up to $1,500.00 may be submitted. Smaller budgets are encouraged and will receive preferential treatment. If work is not completed, a certain amount of the original grant, to be determined by the Georgia Botanical Society grant committee, must be refunded.

FINAL REPORTS:

- A final report is due at the end of the study and will be published in The Society’s journal, Tipularia, at the discretion of the editors. The investigator should contact the Tipularia editor, Richard Ware, to get direction on manuscript format and image requirements.
- The grantee(s) are encouraged to lead a field trip to the study site(s) for members of the Society.
- If the project is not completed within one year, a progress report must be submitted at the end of the first year.

RESPONSIBILITY OF GRANTEE:

- The recipient of a grant must acknowledge the Georgia Botanical Society in any popular or scientific articles as well as in oral presentations delivered at professional meetings resulting from the work supported.
- Any data collected on Georgia’s rare plants and natural communities must be submitted to the Natural Heritage database maintained by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Program or other appropriate organizations such as the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance (GPCA), The Nature Conservancy, and the USDA Forest Service.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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