

RESEARCH GRANTS

The TWS San Joaquin Valley Chapter grants funding to San Joaquin Valley Chapter members for research projects pertaining to species and habitats in our Chapter area. We typically grant between \$500 and \$1000 per project that we fund, up to a total of \$2000 annually. Grant applications can be sent by email to the current year Chapter President for distribution to the Chapter's Granting Committee. Applicants will receive notification that their application has been received. While the Chapter will consider applications on a rolling basis, we recommend submitting them during the first half of the calendar year to ensure we still have funding.

Application Guidelines:

We will check each application for completeness. Applicants will be notified if adequate information is lacking to consider the application.

- 1) Cover letter: This intended as a means of introduction to you. Include a brief description of your background, your professional or educational affiliation, and if you are a student include the name of your academic advisor. You may also include a short proposal summary.
- 2) Introduction/Objectives: Proposals must be consistent with the objectives of the Chapter as presented in the Bylaws. Proposals must demonstrate how the project will improve our understanding of native flora, fauna, wildlife habitats, or landscapes in the Chapter area, and present the scientific, managerial, or educational merits of the project. Describe the background and justification of the project and why this project is important: its time urgency and how it will positively impact the current situation. For projects that are in progress, include a summary of work done and any preliminary findings.
- 3) Methods: Describe the plan of proposed work, including the study design and a detailed description of methods and procedures. This section must also contain detailed descriptions of data analyses, techniques, and procedures. Include a description of accepted humane methods for any animal handling. Also include the details of any necessary scientific research permits.
- 4) Schedule: Show a clear, concise, realistic timeline, with specifics of how you will accomplish goals. Include such aspects as beginning and completion dates for project planning, study-site selection, data collection, and data analyses.
- 5) Deliverables: Describe or list any resulting products for the proposed research. The Chapter prefers that project results be made available to the scientific community through publication in a peer-reviewed journal or other suitable format. **The Chapter requires that applicants whose projects are awarded grant funding provide a project description for inclusion into the Chapter newsletter, and present their research findings or progress at the annual Natural Communities Conference.

- 6) Budget: Submit the complete budgetary needs for the project, including any equipment and a description of all other sources of financial support received or applied for. Specify what portion of the project budget is proposed for funding by the Chapter and other sources.