



Early Career Profession

Working Group

## TRAILBLAZER GRANT

Supporting aspiring wildlife professionals in need by providing financial assistance and donations of essential field gear for their wildlife science and conservation endeavors.

#### **INSPIRE - EMPOWER- ENABLE**

### Support Wildlife

The first steps in wildlife conservation are the hardest. By providing field gear essential to the vocation, this grant supports individuals in need from a diversity of life experiences.

#### Invest in Professionals

This grant supports individuals pursuing their passions to make meaningful contributions to the world of wildlife education, science, and conservation.

### Get Involved

We need your support - please consider in-kind donations of field gear or a financial contribution today.

#### **Needs:**

- Raingear
- **Boots**
- Backpacks
- Jackets
- Waders Headlamps
  - Tents
- Sleeping bag GPS Gloves
  - & more!

# TRAILBLAZER AWARDEES

Receiving field gear through the Trailblazer Grant offered by The Wildlife Society aids me in staying dry, warm, and prepared while studying the impact of climate change on sensitive lake ecosystems and their biology. Quality field gear can make a true impact on research experiences, and I am thankful for the rain gear and field backpack I obtained through the Trailblazer Grant. As a first generation graduate student, funding is especially significant while I pursue my research endeavors. *-Elizabeth Mast* 

This award has helped me buy valuable field gear to assist with my career in wildlife biology. The supplies purchased through the grant I would not have been able to purchase otherwise and it promoted success within my current jobs as well as within my senior research project. *-Isa Mattioli* 



As a first-generation Mexican-American. this grant not only supported me with the physical tools needed for my fieldwork but also served as a symbol of inclusion, affirming that individuals from diverse backgrounds are welcomed and supported in the pursuit of their conservation goals. I am committed to using this support as a catalyst for positive change within the wildlife conservation community. *-Carlos Hinojosa* 

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