Funding opportunities for students and postdocs

** If you know of a relevant grant or fellowship with an upcoming deadline that is not on the list, please contact ssarherps@gmail.com. We welcome information on opportunities around the world. **

--- Research grants ---

The American Society of Naturalists student research awards provides $2,000 grants for Ph.D. candidates who plan to pursue studies on ecology, evolution, or behavior. Applications are due February 7. [https://www.amnat.org/announcements/AWAStuResearch.html](https://www.amnat.org/announcements/AWAStuResearch.html)

The Chelonian Research Foundation’s Justin Congdon and Nancy Dickson Research Fund provides annual grants of up to $5,000 each, typically to post-docs or professors at universities, or the equivalent in a non-university setting. The Fund primarily supports academically-oriented ecological field research on evolutionary ecology, life history, or physiological and/or behavioral ecology of freshwater turtles and tortoises, particularly projects involving environmental influences or that have potential conservation relevance. Applications are due March 1. [https://chelonian.org/cdrf/](https://chelonian.org/cdrf/)

The Society for Science & the Public has an Advocate Grant Program that provides training and a $3,000 stipend for folks who mentor at least three underserved middle and/or high school students. Applications are due March 5. [https://www.societyforscience.org/advocate](https://www.societyforscience.org/advocate)

The Society for the Study of Evolution R.C. Lewontin Early Award provides grants ($1,500-$2,500) for Ph.D. students in their first two years. Applications are due March 15. [http://www.evolutionsociety.org/content/society-awards-and-prizes/graduate-research-excellence-grants/rc-lewontin-early-award.html](http://www.evolutionsociety.org/content/society-awards-and-prizes/graduate-research-excellence-grants/rc-lewontin-early-award.html)

The SSAR Dean Metter Memorial Award provides grants ($300-$1,000) for undergraduates and graduate students to pursue fieldwork in herpetology. Applications are due March 30. [https://ssarherps.org/ssar-awards/dean-metter-memorial-award/](https://ssarherps.org/ssar-awards/dean-metter-memorial-award/)

--- Undergraduate fellowships ---

The Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program aims to increase the diversity of professionals in conservation by supporting undergraduates in a funded two-year program. During their first summer in the program, students complete a field course, and during their second summer, they complete an internship. Students can apply to four different versions of the program; programs offered through UC Santa Cruz, University of Michigan, and University of Washington are open to students at any four-year college or university; the DDCSP Collaborative program at five specific
universities. Visit the individual program websites for more details. Application due dates vary by program, but are generally in January or February.

https://conservationscholars.ucsc.edu/
https://conservationscholars.seas.umich.edu/
http://uwconservationscholars.org/
https://ddcsp-collaborative.org/

Undergraduates who are thinking about summer research should check out the NSF’s Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program. The NSF website includes a list of all scientists who have received funding to host REU students. There will be a formal application process, but if you are interested in any opportunity in particular, it is a good idea to reach out to them for more information.

https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/
https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list_result.jsp?unitid=5047

--- Doctoral fellowships ---

A number of doctoral fellowships are available for students in the United Kingdom through UK Research and Innovation through Doctoral Training Programmes (DTPs), which are designed and organized by groups of institutions or by individual institutions. Applications are now open for the cohort to start in October 2021. Potential applicants will need to reach out to relevant administrations and potential supervisors. The UK funding scheme is more complicated than most, so feel free to fill out the SSAR contact form if you’d like more information on the process (https://ssarherps.org/about-ssar/contact/). For a list of currently funded DTPs along with their partner institutions, see the following websites.

https://bbsrc.ukri.org/skills/investing-doctoral-training/dtp/
https://nerc.ukri.org/funding/available/postgrad/responsive/dtp/dtp2/

--- Postdoctoral fellowships ---

The L’Oreal USA for Women in Science program annually awards five fellowships of $60,000 each for postdoctoral women scientists. Applications are due January 29.


Some universities in the United States and elsewhere offer internally funded fellowships for postdocs. Many are due in the fall; however, the University of Texas at Austin is currently accepting applications and will begin reviewing them on February 6. https://apply.interfolio.com/81687

If you are interested in working at a particular university, an internet search should help you figure out whether they might have funding opportunities.