Collection Study Grants

Collection Study Grants provide financial assistance to enable predoctoral and recent postdoctoral investigators to study any of the scientific collections at the American Museum. These collections are in Anthropology, Astrophysics, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Entomology, Herpetology and Ichthyology, Invertebrates, Mammalogy, Ornithology, Vertebrate Paleontology.

The awards partially support travel and subsistence while visiting the American Museum of Natural History. The amount of the award ranges from $500 to $1500.

The visit must be arranged through and approved by the appropriate scientific department of the Museum and is expected to be four days or longer in duration. Ordinarily, only one Collection Study Grant is awarded to an individual. They are not available to investigators residing within daily commuting distance of the American Museum.

Applicants requiring larger grants for collection study may apply instead to one of the grant programs described above.

Application Procedures. Applicants for Collection Study Grants should first contact the appropriate Museum curator to discuss the feasibility of the proposed visit. Approval by the division chairman is required.

The special application form for Collection Study Grants can be obtained from the Grants and Fellowships Website.

Applicants should submit a proposal on Collection Study Grant forms by the deadline date. Application deadlines are May 1 and November 1 with the exception of the Herpetology, Ichthyology and Mammalogy departments, which have one deadline, Nov. 1. Ornithology proposals can be submitted 2 months prior to visit. Decisions will made shortly after the deadline and applicants will be notified.

The project description should include a brief statement of the purpose and scope of the research, its significance, collections to be studied, facilities needed, and professional staff members of the Museum you will consult.

Final Report. At the end of the visit, grantees are required to submit a one-page report to the Office of Grants and Fellowships, along with an accounting of expenses and original receipts.