Elizabeth Alison Kay Endowed Awards for students in Biology/Zoology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa

A fund was established in honor of Prof. E. Alison Kay at the time of her retirement from the Department of Zoology in 2001. Dr. Kay designated that income from the fund provide research awards to students in Zoology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Specifically, E. A. Kay Research Awards are meant “... to encourage and reward outstanding students who have an interest in the natural history of the Hawaiian Islands [with] preference to students whose focus is whole organism natural history.”

To be eligible, recipients must:
1. be enrolled full time in the Department of Biology, UHM, as either an undergraduate or graduate student.
2. demonstrate academic merit with a minimum GPA of 3.5.
3. demonstrate some degree of financial need, although not necessarily as defined by federal guidelines.

Awards:
The Elizabeth Alison Kay Awards Committee expects to award up to six scholarships for a maximum of $1,000 each in the current academic year.

Applications must include:
1. A written statement of the applicant’s planned use of the E.A. Kay Award funds, which includes information concerning financial need.
   - Specify how requested items relate to completion of your research, and whether you will have access to other funds to pay for the requested items if an E. A. Kay award is not received.
   - Stress aspects of your research that make it eligible in the context of a focus on whole organism natural history of Hawaiian animals.
2. A budget describing the items for which funds are requested. This may include: expendable research materials or other needed supplies; small equipment; services (e.g., DNA sequencing); or research travel.
   - Funds will not be provided to attend meetings of professional societies.
3. Official transcripts from colleges attended to support the GPA requirement. For graduate students, copies of official transcripts available in Biology Department files are sufficient.
4. A letter of support from your faculty advisor.
5. A statement of previous financial support received from the E. Alison Kay, Jessie D. Kay, or Edmondson trusts, and a progress report, if applicable.

Submit complete applications and supporting documents electronically to: E. A. Kay Awards Committee, c/o Dr. H. Gert de Couet, Department of Biology, (couet@hawaii.edu).

Deadline for applications: **November 13, 2015**; Awardees will be notified by **January 2016**.