THE CHARLES H. AND MARGARET B. EDMONDSON RESEARCH FUND
Grants in Aid of Research and Publication for Graduate Students
in the area of Hawaii Marine Invertebrate Zoology - 2015

The Scientific Advisory Committee for the Edmondson Trust announces the availability of Grants-in-Aid for Research and Publication from funds generated by the trust established in the will of long time University of Hawaii Professor of Zoology and Bishop Museum Marine Zoologist Charles H. Edmondson and his wife Margaret B. Edmondson.

Total funds available for Grants-in-Aid for Research or Publication are limited in 2015-16 to approximately $10,000. Awards given will normally be limited to $2,000. However, the Scientific Advisory Committee may consider larger requests of exceptional proposals if they are appropriately justified. By the same token, the amount awarded to individual recipients may be reduced below the amount requested at the discretion of the committee.

Edmondson Grants-in-Aid are intended to enhance a research project by providing funds to enable a particular aspect of the effort that might otherwise be impossible. This may include, but is not restricted to: purchase of special supplies or small equipment, research travel, access to special training or facilities (e.g., electron microscopes), or assistance with publication. The basis for a competitive award will be the perceived excellence of the proposed research and demonstration that a Grant-in-Aid will enhance the likelihood or quality of achievable results. Edmondson grants are not awarded for participation in professional meetings, however, attendance at specialized workshops that improve the professional training of the applicant and not available on-site may be considered. Only graduate student applicants affiliated with the University of Hawaii are eligible. Please note that research projects must involve marine invertebrate animals and focus on Hawaii.

Applications: Applicants must submit a proposal including the following:

1. A title page that shows the project title, funds requested, expected duration of the project and project location.
2. A 200-word abstract of the research plan.
3. A full research proposal, not to exceed three pages, that includes: (i) the research question(s) to be addressed; (ii) the methods to be employed; (iii) the specific objective(s) for which funds are requested; (iv) a statement of the significance of the research; (v) a budget for the requested funds with a brief justification of the costs; and (vi) a brief timeline of the proposed activities within the overall duration of the project.
4. Copies or certifications that all necessary permits for diving, collecting or transporting research organisms are in hand or pending review at an appropriate agency.
5. A statement that tells how many previous Edmondson grants the applicant has received and a list of other agencies to which the current application has been sent for funding.
6. If the application is continuation proposal, a progress report is required, outlining the objectives and the outcomes of the previous grant.
7. A resumé, not to exceed two pages.
Each applicant must assure that a letter from her/his advisor is submitted to the Edmondson Scientific Advisory Committee (electronically, in PDF format, see below). **The letter must evaluate the research proposed for Edmondson funding and the applicant’s capacity to successfully complete it.**

**Deadline:** applications and supporting letters must be submitted electronically in PDF format to Dr. H. Gert de Couet at (couet@hawaii.edu), Department of Biology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, by 4:30 P.M. on Friday November 13, 2015. Awards will be announced in January, 2015.

**Edmondson Scientific Advisory Committee:** Dr. Richard Pyle, Bishop Museum; Dr. Alison Sherwood, Dept. of Botany, UHM; and Dr. H. G. de Couet, Dept. of Biology, UHM.