

AAZK Research Grant



Grant Description
The purpose of the AAZK Research Grant is to encourage and support efforts in non-invasive research conducted by AAZK members in zoological parks and aquariums around the world. Acceptable expenditures include: equipment, supplies and materials. Expenses that are unacceptable include: travel, communication costs, animal purchases and wages for project participants
Qualifications
Only Professional AAZK members , in good standing are eligible to apply. Researchers, other than zookeepers and aquarists may participate in the funded studies, however the principal investigator must be a keeper or aquarist. <i>Persons of Merit within AAZK (Board Members, Committee Chairs/Vice Chairs and Program Managers/Vice Managers), including current members of the Grants Committee, are not eligible to submit a grant application for consideration.</i>
Grant Restrictions
The committee will not fund invasive biological studies, or any endeavor that may cause any animal undue or prolonged discomfort or harm.
Application Deadline
June 1 st
Notification Date
July 1 st <i>The AAZK Grants Committee reserves the right to extend any award deadline</i>
Grant Sum
\$2,000 <i>The Grants Committee reserves the right to divide the funds among grant recipients Applicants are only eligible for a single award within a given grant cycle. If applicants are successful in being selected for multiple grants, they will be asked to select one award and to withdraw from any others.</i>
Award Requirements
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A progress report is due six months following notification of the grant award. Submit the original report digitally to the Grant Committee Chair. 2. A project final report is due one year following notification of the grant award. This report is submitted to the Grant Committee Chair and shall include a final accounting of the AAZK funds spent along with any receipts for reimbursement. 3. An extension of one year may be obtained by submitting a request to the Grant Committee Chair. No additional funds will be granted exceeding the original award. 4. Project results shall be submitted to AAZK for presentation at either:

- a. Paper or Poster at the National AAZK Conference. If you choose to present at the conference, abstract is submitted to the AAZK Professional Development during the call for abstract submissions prior to the conference, with a copy of the abstract to the AAZK Grant Committee Chair. If funds, in addition to the AAZK Grant were used to complete the research or conservation project, the participant may request that the work presented at an AAZK conference not be published in the conference proceedings.
- b. Published in the Animal Keepers' Forum. Article shall be submitted to the AKF Editor for consideration with a copy to the AAZK Grant Committee Chair.
- c. Publication in Scientific Journal Copy of the article, journal title and publication date to the AAZK Grant Committee Chair.
5. Acknowledgment of AAZK support shall be required in all publications resulting from the AAZK Grant.
6. AAZK grant recipients shall not be eligible for grant submission in the same category of award for the following year grant period, normally one year.
7. Failure to comply with any of the above mentioned regulations may result in the revocation of the AAZK grant at any time.

Award recipients are also required to submit the following within the calendar year of their professional development opportunity:

1. A photograph of the award winner at the AAZK National Conference
2. A brief description (~250 words) describing how receiving the AAZK Grant was beneficial to the applicant and/or their institution

*These materials may be selected for use in AAZK publications or social media posts