

# PGAV DESTINATIONS POLLINATOR RESEARCH GRANT

Accepting Applications Through December 31, 2016 For \$3,000 Grant

## PURPOSE

Pollinators – birds, bees, bats, butterflies, moths, and more – form crucial cornerstones in ecosystems around the world. In addition, these animals and insects are irreplaceable components of agriculture, medicine, and numerous products within our daily lives. Over the course of the last two decades, colony collapse and habitat loss are contributing to a significant decline in pollinator populations, threatening severe impacts on our world.

PGAV Destinations has created experiences across the globe for more than a half century, inspiring curious children and guests to become more scientifically-minded and thoughtful about our world; hopefully, inspired to act. In that spirit, PGAV Destinations seeks to award \$3,000 in grant funding to support young scientists for museum or laboratory study, fieldwork, or any other activity that forwards our understanding of the negative factors impacting pollinators and/or solutions to address these challenges.

## AWARD AMOUNT

A single, one-time award of \$3,000 to be used within one year of receipt.

## CRITERIA

Applicants should be U.S.-based and currently enrolled in an advanced degree program, pursuing a degree relevant to the purpose of the grant.

## SUBMISSION AND NOTIFICATION

Completed grant applications, applicant's CV/resume, and two letters of recommendation should be emailed in .pdf form no later than EOD Saturday, December 31, 2016 to PGAV Destinations director of business development and research, Ben Cober at [ben.cober@pgav.com](mailto:ben.cober@pgav.com). Applicants and recipient will be notified on Monday, February 6, 2017 of the standing of their applications, and recipient will be announced via press release and PGAV social media to US media.

## REPORTS

Award recipient agrees to, within one year of the receipt of grant funds or once the grant funds have been expended (whichever comes first), to submit to PGAV Destinations a two-page budget of how the funds were used, progress made in the recipient's research during the time period, and plans for the research project for the following year.

PGAV maintains the right to additionally publish, cite, and publically refer to the findings of the research on its website, social media, publications, presentations, and any other medium in which the firm presents itself and its work.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Successful applications will be carefully prepared and well written. Award-winning proposals will have one or more clearly-described central hypotheses/questions that are likely to be answered - at least in part - by completing the proposed research. Importantly, proposals that frame their specific questions within a broader biological or ecological context will be favorable.

Two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant and his or her research must be solicited by the applicant. One of these letters should be from the current major professor. Both letters should be from reputable scientists, preferably associated with the appropriate field, and should include statements concerning the following:

- the competence of the applicant;
- the significance of the applicant's research;
- the desirability of and need for the funds being requested by the applicant.

## **INDEMNITY**

The award recipient agrees to defend and hold PGAV Destinations harmless in the case of any claims as a result of the recipient's research.

# GRANT APPLICATION

Legal Name:	
Address:	

City		State/Zip	
Phone		Email	
University		University Url	
Department		Dept. Url	
Field of Study		Degree Sought	
Supervising Professor		Professor's Phone	
Professor's Title		Professor's Email	
Intent of Funds <i>(Lab study, fieldwork, other)</i>		Total Project Budget	

Research Project Name:	
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<p><b>Proposal Summary:</b> In 200 words or less, summarize your research and the intention of this request.</p>

## ESSAY PORTION

**In a maximum of three pages (11 pt. font, single spaced), please address:**

1. A description of the proposed research including the general research objectives, hypothesis/question, and methods of study;
2. Description of history, current status, and future goals of this research;
3. Names and roles of additional participants/researchers in this program;
4. A budget outline identifying the application of PGAV funds if awarded;
5. And sources and amounts of partial support for the research and pending applications for support and amounts from other sources.

### AGREEMENT

I certify to the best of my knowledge, that all information included in this proposal is correct and complete. If a grant is awarded to me, then the proceeds of that grant will not be distributed or used to benefit any organization or individual supporting or engaged in unlawful activities, and will solely be restricted to the intentions described in this application.

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## ABOUT PGAV DESTINATIONS

We believe in the power of destinations to enrich lives, enhance communities, and celebrate culture, nature, and heritage through an unforgettable story and beautiful, immersive design.

PGAV Destinations is recognized across the world as the leading master planner and designer of theme parks, zoos, museums, aquariums, heritage sites, destination retail, and brand-based celebrations. Our passionate staff of more than **120 full-time dreamers, thinkers, and makers** includes planners, architects, brand specialists, earned revenue specialists, interior designers, graphic designers, landscape architects, artists, and interpretive designers: all thrill seekers at the drawing board. No other firm in the industry offers such an integrated approach to destination design and strategy.

We take a holistic approach in creating experiences that exemplify your mission, brands, and heritage, leveraging leading consumer insights and research that is often published in our quarterly magazine, *Destinology*. With a passion for place-making, we design incredible destinations that enrich the lives of your visitors through engaging, immersive, memory-making moments.

Our annual **PGAVolunteers In Action (PGAVia) Conservation Awareness Campaign (CAC)** mobilizes our team of designers and their networks to address global conservation issues with real results. In 2016-2017, **PGAVia's CAC** is working with national partners to address pollinator population collapse and habitat loss, following a successful and impactful inaugural year working to combat the illegal ivory trade.



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