

Cameron Award Committee

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Mission:

The Guy N. Cameron Rodent Research award was established in 2019 to fund research on native rodents in the Americas with an emphasis on field research, and laboratory research that supports or augments field research. Support is intentionally broad, generally falling under the umbrella of ecology and behavior to reflect Guy's interests and numerous scholarly contributions. The Cameron Award Committee annually reviews and ranks applications and selects a deserving recipient in each of two categories: graduate student and postdoctoral applicant.

Information Items:

- (1) The committee currently has 7 voting members.
- (2) In Spring 2025, the committee received and evaluated 25 graduate student and 2 postdoctoral applications. We encourage eligible graduate students and postdoctoral scientists to apply in 2026. Overall quality of applications submitted to the committee remained high. Multiple (3-4) committee members evaluated each application, and all committee members without disclosed conflicts of interest evaluated finalists to select award winners. This year, the committee decided not to fund a postdoctoral proposal. With approval from President Felisa Smith, the committee selected two graduate student recipients instead. Each will receive \$5,000 to support their research. The 2025 recipients of the Cameron Award will be announced at the closing awards ceremony of the 104th annual meeting. All applicants who did not receive awards will receive feedback from the committee.

Action Items:

- (1) Budget request of \$5,000.00 for the 2026 graduate student recipient of the Cameron Award.
- (2) Budget request of \$5,000.00 for the 2026 postdoctoral recipient of the Cameron Award.

Respectfully submitted,

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