

***ad hoc* Cameron Award Committee**

Committee Members: Andi Kautt, Nicole Lee, Andrew McAdam, Rebecca Rowe, Nancy Solomon, Rob Swihart (Chair), Caitlin Wells

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 2024, the committee received and evaluated 17 graduate student and 3 postdoctoral applications. We encourage eligible graduate students and postdoctoral scientists to apply in 2025. 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. The graduate student and postdoctoral recipients will each receive \$5,000 to support their research. The 2024 recipient of the Cameron Award in each category of applicants will be announced at the closing awards ceremony of the 103rd annual meeting.

Action Items:

(1) Budget request of \$5,000.00 for the 2025 graduate student recipient of the Cameron Award.

(1) Budget request of \$5,000.00 for the 2025 postdoctoral recipient of the Cameron Award.

Respectfully submitted,
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