

THE HERPETOLOGISTS' LEAGUE GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

CALL FOR COMPETITORS

The Herpetologists' League is pleased to announce the 2020 competition for The Herpetologists' League Graduate Research Awards (HLGRA). If you are a M.S. or Ph.D. student who has a (1) completed/nearly completed project (vs. preliminary results), (2) data from your primary thesis/dissertation research (vs. side projects), (3) a well-organized talk that is set within a broader conceptual framework, and (4) a well-rehearsed presentation (honed by practice and critical feedback from your advisor and others), you should consider competing for these prestigious awards. To participate, you must (1) be a member of The Herpetologists' League, (2) be a current graduate student or have completed your graduate degree within 14 months of your presentation, (3) submit an abstract (as the first author and having done the majority of the work) for the 2020 Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (JMIH) indicating your desire to compete for the Herpetologists' League Graduate Research Award, (4) submit a one-page lay summary of your work (this requirement is detailed below), and (5) give the oral presentation at the meeting. Competitors will receive evaluations from the judges after the meeting. The HLGRA selection committee may choose to award the second- through fifth-ranked presentations to students who will receive \$250 each. **The student with the top-ranked presentation will receive \$750, ten years of back issues of *Herpetologica*, and an invitation to submit a manuscript based on the work presented to either *Herpetologica* or *Herpetological Monographs*. The Herpetologists' League will commit to publishing this manuscript (following a successful peer-review process) as the lead paper in an issue and will identify the first author as the winner of the Herpetologists' League Graduate Research Award.**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Lay Summary: Potential competitors must submit a lay summary of their work to be considered for this competition. The summary must be written in 12-point font and should not exceed one single-spaced page (2.5 cm margins). In general, the lay summary should be pitched to a broad audience and explain the significance of the work in simple language (i.e., it should not be just an extension of the abstract). Submit your completed lay summary as a PDF (please title the document: “Last name HLGRA.pdf”) via email to the chair of the HLGRA committee (see below) no later than 11:59 PM (EST) on 13 March 2020 (please note that this is one week prior to the abstract submission deadline for JMIH). Summaries will be reviewed by the HLGRA selection committee: those that meet all competition requirements and are deemed to be among the most competitive will be selected for inclusion in the 2020 competition. A maximum of 20 competitors will be included. Those selected for the competition will be notified within two weeks.

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