



## The Herpetologists' League Graduate Research Award Call for Competitors!

The Herpetologists' League (HL) is pleased to announce the **2025 competition for The Herpetologists' League Graduate Research Award (HLGRA)**. If you are an M.S. or Ph.D. student who has a completed/nearly completed thesis or dissertation (vs. preliminary results or a side project), then the HLGRA selection committee invites you to consider competing for this prestigious award. 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 most of the work) for the 2025 Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (JMIH) indicating your desire to compete for the Herpetologists' League Graduate Research Award (selected from the dropdown menu), and
- (4) give an **oral presentation** at the meeting.

Your presentation should be **well-organized, set within a broader conceptual framework, and well-rehearsed** (i.e., honed by practice and critical feedback from your advisor and others). A maximum of 10 submissions that meet all competition requirements and are considered among the most competitive (based on review of their submitted abstract) will be selected for inclusion in the competition. Those selected for the competition will be notified via email prior to the meeting.

### Awards and Feedback:

- Finalists will be announced in person during the HL Business Meeting and Social at JMIH 2025.
- The student with the top-ranked presentation will receive \$750, two years of membership in the Herpetologists' League, and an invitation to submit a manuscript based on the work presented to *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 HLGRA.
- The committee may also be able to award \$250 to the second-ranked presentation.
- All competitors will receive evaluations and constructive feedback from the judges within two weeks following the meeting.



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