

2018 COA ACADEMIC GRANTS

RECIPIENT	PROJECT TITLE	INSTITUTION	DEGREE SEEKING	FUNDED AMOUNT
BRESLAU, Eric	Phylogenetic reconstruction of <i>Doridina</i> using next generation sequencing (Paul & Heather Johnson Award)	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Yes, Masters	\$2,370.00
BURFORD, Ben	The life history consequences of migration in squid under climate-related oceanographic shifts.	Stanford University, California	Yes, PhD.	\$2,500.00
COLLINS, Christina	Does stress come in cycles? Physiological performance of an invasive mussel	Sonoma State University, California	Yes, Masters	\$ 994.55
de LUCIA, Micaela	Molecular analysis of threatened species of the genus <i>Potamolithus</i> , in the Rio de la Plata (Argentina) (Jacksonville Shell Club Award)	Comisión de Investigaciones Científicas, Buenos Aires, Argentina	Yes, PhD	\$2,200.00
GLADSTONE, Nicholas	Species delimitation and phylogeography of the cave-dwelling <i>Helicodiscus</i> land snails (Gastropoda, Stylommatophora, Helicodiscidae)	University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	Yes, Masters	\$ 1,805.25
KEOGH, Sean	A holistic approach to species delimitation of the <i>Lampsilis straminea</i> species complex (Bivalvia: Unionidae)	University of Minnesota	Yes, Masters	\$2,305.92
LaBUDA, Andre	Comparative benefits of kleptoplasty in clade Sacoglossa under ecologically relevant conditions (Walter Sage Memorial Award)	California State University, Los Angeles	Yes, Masters	\$ 700.00
MORENO, Karina	The invasion of red slugs: <i>Vayssierea felis</i> (Collingwood, 1881) in the northeastern Pacific	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Yes, Masters	\$ 850.00
LEE, Colin	Neuronal basis of the inhibition of ciliary crawling in the nudipleuran <i>Pleurobranchaea californica</i> (Clench/Turner Award)	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Yes, PhD	\$2,400.00
SEIDEN, Nicole	Mapping Florida's marine mollusks of greatest conservation need (Frederic Weiss Memorial Award)	University of South Florida, Tampa	Yes, Masters	\$1,638.00
SCRIBER, Kevin	Linking invasive apple snail's trophic position (<i>Pomacea spp.</i>) in native vs. non-native habitats (Toto Olivera & Donald Dan Award)	Howard University, Washington DC	Yes, PhD	\$1,870.00
van den BERG, Cedric	The effects of Diel activity on the defensive colouration of nudibranch molluscs	University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia	Yes, PhD	\$1,096.00
van EE, Brian	Determination of metabolic and physiologic rates in freshwater mussels to evaluate thermal tolerance (Anne Joffe Award)	University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa	Yes, PhD	\$1,552.00
VARNEY, Rebecca	Comparative transcriptomics within the radula of the chiton <i>Acanthopleura granulata</i>	University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa	Yes, PhD	\$2,218.00
			TOTAL	<u>\$24,499.72</u>

ACADEMIC GRANTS COMMITTEE: Jann Vendetti (Chairwoman), Greg Dietl, Ken Hayes, and Norine Yeung

GRANTS AND DONATION GUIDELINES

COA's Grants are processed through a committee of three professional malacologists. This committee actively solicits and reviews grant applications. Selected applications are then presented annually to the COA's Board of Directors for approval. Individuals and groups, including shell clubs, can participate in this process through donations to COA:

GIFTS BELOW \$1,000

All donations below \$1,000, whether from organizations or individuals will be directed to COA's Walter Sage Fund, an established perpetual endowment, income from which is distributed for Board approved grants.

GIFTS ABOVE \$1,000

For gifts of \$1,000 or more, a donor has the option of specifying the money be entered into the Walter Sage Fund or be included in the general grant budget, in total or in part. The donor also has the option of naming a grant for that particular sum that is included in the general grant budget.

GIFTS ABOVE \$10,000

A further option is to establish a named endowment by giving a sum of \$10,000 or more. This amount may be given as a lump sum, or over period of up to ten years, with a minimum initial gift of at least \$1,000. If someone wishes to start a named endowment but does not reach the \$10,000 level within ten years, including accrued interest, the money will revert to the Walter Sage Fund.

Once an endowed fund has reached \$10,000, COA will use half of the income to award grants, and reinvest the other half of the income to grow that endowment. As a conservative assumption, consider that a \$10,000 fund earns 5% interest. The annual income will be \$500, half of which can go to grant, and half of which is reinvested in the fund. This \$10,000 endowment could therefore generate a \$500 grant fund every other year, with incremental growth thereafter.

COA's by-laws have rules for the investment of funds controlled by the organization. Endowed funds will be pooled for investment purposes, but the principal and interest of each fund will be tracked separately. Donors may suggest that money be given to specific research or types of research. COA will try to match grants to the stated interests, but cannot guarantee exact match.

COA has a 501-C3 non-profit tax status, TAX ID: 112541695 US donors may claim tax deduction on money given to COA. Additional reading on our Grant Program is available on COA's web site at <http://www.conchologistsofamerica.org>

COA GRANT DONATION PROGRAM

2018 EDITION

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SINGLE DONATION OF \$1,000.00 OR MORE

- HAVE YOUR NAME ON A PERPETUAL GRANT -
DONATION OF \$10,000 OR MORE AS AN ENDOWMENT

Pursuant to the COA objectives, academic grants were given to various molluscan related research projects totaling \$24,499.72 for the current year 2018 (details inside.) Notable recent donation to our endowment program has been the massive Weiss collection received in 2016 through the generosity of Emily and Susan Weiss. As of the end of 2017, the partial disposition of this collection has generated a gross proceeds of \$118,973.00, thus significantly adding to our endowments balance.

We also want to highlight the continuing support of our donation program by two shell clubs, the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club and the Central Penn Shell Club, and two very significant personal donations by Anne Joffe and the D. Dan Charitable Trust, for which we are most grateful. For these latter donations, we have established two new named academic grants, the Anne Joffe Award and the Toto Olivera & Donald Dan Award.

► SHELL CLUB DONATIONS ARE MOST WELCOME ◀

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