

COA Academic Grants 2023

❖ Committee

- Jann Vendetti, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, CA
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❖ Applicant/Application details

- ❖ 22 applications: Argentina (1), Brazil (2), France (1), Japan (1), Mexico (1), Norway (1), USA (13), India (2)
- ❖ 15 grants awarded: 6 Ph.D. students, 4 masters student, 2 postdoctoral researcher, 2 research scientists, 1 undergraduate
- ❖ Geography of award recipients: Argentina (1), Colombia (1), France (1), Japan (1), Mexico (1), Norway (1), USA (9)

❖ Named awards

- Paul & Heather Johnson Award: **Eric Armstrong**, Univ. de Perpignan, France
- Jacksonville Shell Club Award: **Rodrigo B. Savador**, The Arctic University of Norway
- Walter Sage Memorial Award: **Priyanka Soni**, University of Southern California, USA
- Clench and Turner Memorial Award: **Greg Burzynsk**, Fairfield University, CT, USA
- Toto Olivera and Donald Dan Award: **Jushua Lord**, Moravian University, PA, USA
- Anne Joffe Award: **Tobias B. Grun**, Florida Museum of Natural History, FL, USA
- Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club Award: **Roberto Castillo**, Calif. State Univeristy, LA, USA
- **Total amount awarded: \$20,000**

Recipient name	Amount Awarded	Project Title	Academic Institution	County
Ximena Maria Constanza Ovando	\$850	Integrative taxonomy and distribution of Physidae from Argentina (Gastropoda: Hygrophila)	Federal University of Juiz de Fora	Brazil
Tobias B. Grun	\$1,400	Fossils of Florida's Springs and Caves	University of Florida	USA
Tiffany Tang	\$1,000	DNA barcode test of disputed northeastern Pacific species pair (Gastropoda: Calliostomatidae)	California State University, Fullerton	USA
Sienna Siu	\$1,500	Crystal Puzzle: Shell Microstructural Plasticity in Pleistocene and Living <i>Pinctada</i> Bivalves	The University of Tokyo	Japan
Rodrigo B. Savador	\$1,200	Redefining the Odontostomidae, a puzzling family of neotropical land snails	The Arctic University of Norway	Norway
Roberto Castillo	\$1,600	Resolving a cryptic species complex: phylogenomic analysis of <i>Elysia crispata</i> using exon capture and coalescent species delimitation	Cal State University, Los Angeles	USA
Priyanka Soni	\$1,500	Shifting Molluscs in Pleistocene Coastal California – Establishing a Geochronological Framework for Interpreting Extralimital Species.	University of Southern California	USA
Nathan M. Orozco	\$600	Scaphopods off the Southern California coast	Cal State University, San Bernardino	USA
Meagan Haubner	\$1,500	The Evolutionary Drivers of Habitat Transitioning in Amphibious Snails	University of Hawaii, Manoa	USA
Joshua Lord	\$1,000	Group Dynamics in Mud Snail (<i>Ilyanassa obsoleta</i>) Foraging?	Moravian University	USA
Greg Burzynsk	\$1,850	Composition of, and Variation among, <i>Crepidula</i> Shoals along the Long Island Sound	Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT,	USA
Erina Noe Seiler	\$1,300	Detection of Ostreid herpesvirus in bivalves from Nuevo Gulf, Patagonia, Argentina	Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia San Juan Bosco	Argentina
Eric J. Armstrong	\$1,600	Assessing the role of thermoregulatory behaviors in moderating stress and determining heat tolerance limits in intertidal nudibranchs	Université de Perpignan	France
Bridget Vincent	\$1,900	It's Complicated: Assessing Multi-Level Convergence to Determine Origins of Complexity in Cephalopod Photophores	UC Santa Barbara	USA
Adriana Gracia & Nancy Yolimar Suarez Moz	\$1,200	Use of high-resolution SEM images to identify gastropods of the Colombian Pacific	Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico	Mexico