

The Joan Mosenthal DeWind Award

The Xerces Society is now accepting applications for a minimum of two awards to support students pursuing education and research into Lepidoptera conservation. Award amounts are determined annually, but are a maximum of \$10,000 each for two awards in 2025.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The DeWind Awards are given to students who are engaged in studies and research leading to a university degree related to Lepidoptera conservation and who intend to continue to work in this field. All proposals must be written by the student researcher. Proposed research should have a clear connection to Lepidoptera conservation and must be completed within one year from receiving funds. Applicants may be graduate or undergraduate students; however, please note that all but one awardee, to date, have been pursuing graduate research. Applications from countries outside the United States will be considered but must be written in English and international applicant work cannot involve work in the United States.

Submission Deadline for 2025 Awards

The submission deadline is Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 11:59 PM PST. Award winners will be announced by March 31, 2025, with initial award payments received by recipients by June 2025.

Instructions for Submitting the Proposal

All proposals must be submitted by email to dewind@xerces.org. The proposal should be attached as a single file in PDF format. The subject line of the email should read "DeWind Award Proposal 2025."

Please label each section of the proposal body and note that not following all instructions, including stated page limits, will result in disqualification from the review process.

Proposal Format (all text should use 12 pt font and one inch margins)

1. Cover page (1 page)
 - a. *Title*. List the title in **Bold**.
 - b. *Contact information*. Provide the name and contact information for the applicant and their major advisor. Include institutional affiliations, degree being sought, complete mailing address (including country), and preferred pronouns. Also provide an email address and telephone number (include country code if outside the United States).
 - c. *Abstract*. Include a project summary immediately following the title and contact information. The summary should be limited to 100 words and should not exceed one paragraph.
2. Proposal body (2 pages). Begin with a clear statement of the problem or objectives, follow with a clear methods section, and end with a substantial conclusion. The proposal should include a discussion of potential conservation applications and results, and what products will result from this work.
 - a. *Introduction and overview*.
 - b. *Statement of conservation relevance*. Why or how is the proposed work relevant to the conservation of Lepidoptera?
 - c. *Hypotheses or questions to be addressed*. Can include explicit predictions.
 - d. *Methods*. Including experimental design, data collection, and approach to analyses.
 - e. *Expected outcomes and communication*. Discuss possible results and how they will be communicated to land managers, other scientists, and the general public.

3. Additional information. On separate pages, please include all of the following information: cited literature, project timeline, and a short (2 pages or less) CV.

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Awards are paid as a qualified scholarship, which may be used for qualified or non-qualified education expenses as defined by the IRS. This allows recipients to avoid taxation on the grant if used for qualified education expenses. Recipients may use the award for other purposes that support them in completing their education or research.

Awards are made payable only to the recipient of the scholarship, and cannot be paid to an institution or other third party.

Recipients accepting the award will be asked to submit a brief report on the results of their research project by June 30, 2026. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the final award payment.

4. Please include all of the materials as a single PDF attachment. No other attachments or supporting materials should be included.

For more information about the award, please visit our FAQ page: <https://xerces.org/dewind/faqs>