



NORTH AMERICAN SECTION

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:
William L. and Ruth D. Nutting Student Research Grant
Due April 20, 2016**

Purpose: To support research by graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the field of basic termite biology. Projects with an applied slant may be considered if the primary question is related to basic biology. The William L. and Ruth D. Nutting Research Grant is named in honor of the late Bill Nutting and his ever-supportive wife Ruth. Bill was an outstanding termite biologist who made major contributions to termite biology, both through his own research and mentoring of students.

Nature: The recipient will receive a research grant of up to \$2,500. The recipient of the award will be announced by May 20, 2016. Please note that this grant is to be given to an individual researcher and no overhead will be allowed.

Eligibility: Any graduate student or postdoctoral fellow who is a member of NAS/IUSSI conducting research in termite biology is eligible. Contact the Secretary/Treasurer (iussi.nas@gmail.com) for membership information.

Applications: Proposals are due April 20, 2016. Late proposals will not be considered. They should be sent as a PDF in the format described below to Stephen Pratt (Stephen.Pratt@asu.edu), Chair of the NAS/IUSSI Awards Committee. Parts 1-4 combined must be no longer than four single spaced pages with a 12 pt font. Questions about appropriate topics should be directed to Nan-Yao Su (nysu@ufl.edu), Chair of the Nutting Research Grant Selection Committee.

1) TITLE.

2) SIGNIFICANCE. Applicants should include the novel aspects of the proposed research, expected contribution(s) to theory and applied (if relevant) aspects of termite biology, and relation to previous work. Proposals should focus on a discrete project, comparable to what might constitute a single publication. The description should include a clearly stated hypothesis and predictions, and the methods planned to test these. Taxonomic projects should also involve clear questions, hypotheses, and predicted evidence, and applicants for this type of project must demonstrate some understanding of taxonomic theory and methodology, especially molecular techniques. Similarly, applicants for survey projects must clearly identify the biological problems to be solved. Projects that merely involve "finding out what is there" (important as that may be) will not be funded.

3) RESEARCH PLAN. Include the particular species to be studied, methods, logistics, and an approximate timetable. Provide sufficient information to demonstrate the project's feasibility.

4) CITATIONS. Provide these in the format used by the Entomological Society of America.

5) BUDGET. Include projected costs and justification of items where appropriate. State if any other supporting funds are available (this can impact feasibility).

6) CURRICULUM VITAE. The present position or years of graduate school, education, and publications must be included.

7) LETTER OF SUPPORT. This is to be written by the applicant's advisor to ensure that basic resources needed for the research will be available.

REPORT: A report will be required from the successful applicant. An oral report (10-15 min) at the next annual meeting of the IUSSI/NAS is preferred, but if the awardee is not able to attend this meeting, a written report (1 page) must be submitted for publication in the society newsletter.