



NORTH AMERICAN SECTION

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:
The Robert L. and Louise B. Jeanne Social Wasp Research Grant
Due April 20, 2016

Purpose: This grant is endowed by Robert L. and Louise B. Jeanne to encourage graduate student research into any aspect of the basic biology of social wasps. The recipient receives an award of up to US\$2,500 to be applied towards covering research expenses, including equipment, travel for field work, and the hiring of field assistance. This is a competitive grant for which the applicant must submit a research proposal detailing the work that will be supported. The award will be given to the NAS/IUSSI student member whose research has the greatest potential to make a substantive contribution to our understanding of the basic biology of this group. Any graduate student member of NAS/IUSSI is eligible, as long as they have not yet completed their thesis work. Previous award recipients are not eligible for a second award. A call for proposals is issued in the Spring.

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

Eligibility: Any current graduate student who is a member of NAS/IUSSI conducting research on social wasp biology is eligible. Contact the Secretary/Treasurer (iussi.nas@gmail.com) or visit the website (<http://iussi.cyberbee.net/member/>) for membership information.

Applications: Proposals are due April 20, 2016. Late proposals will not be considered. Parts 1-6 of the application should be sent as a single PDF file, 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.

1) TITLE

2) SIGNIFICANCE. Applicants should include the novel aspects of the proposed research, expected contribution(s) to the understanding of wasp social biology (in the large sense), and relation to previous work. Proposals should include a clearly stated goal, study species (or multiple species), and research methods.

3) RESEARCH PLAN. Include the particular species to be studied, methods, logistics, and an approximate timetable. Provide sufficient information to demonstrate the feasibility of the project. The project may be the main dissertation topic or it may be ancillary or supplementary to it.

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 influence feasibility). Travel expenses are allowed but must be detailed.

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. This should be sent in a separate email directly from the advisor.

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