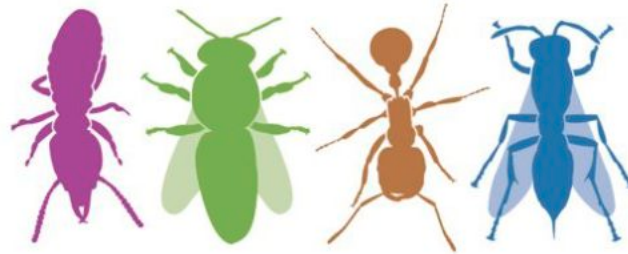


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The **William L. and Ruth D. Nutting Research Grant** supports graduate student and postdoctoral research in the field of basic termite biology. It offers funding to a student or postdoc whose proposed research shows the greatest potential to increase our understanding of this important group of social insects, with an emphasis on discrete projects with clearly identified hypotheses that address specific biological questions.

The 2025 winner of the Nutting Grant is **Elijah Carroll**, who will receive a \$2,500 grant to support his research. Elijah is currently a Ph.D. student at Auburn University under the direction of Dr. Nobuaki Mizumoto. The title of Elijah's project is "Does sexual conflict in nest-site selection act as a barrier to hybridization in *Cryptotermes* termites?" In this project, Elijah proposes to investigate the behavioral barriers to hybridization between *Cryptotermes brevis*, an introduced species adapted to arid environments and commonly found in human structures, and *Cryptotermes cavifrons*, a native species inhabiting moist, decaying wood in natural settings. The Awards Committee wishes to recognize Elijah's compelling proposal, which promises to contribute to a broader understanding of what factors maintain species boundaries following human-mediated range shifts.

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