Colorado Field Ornithologists
Research Grant 2021

The CFO Research Grant provides financial grants to qualifying individuals or organizations for projects that will have a lasting benefit to Colorado birds and the habitats on which they rely. Grants typically provide full support to projects requiring $600–$1,500; however, CFO will also consider partial funding of projects requiring more than $1,500. The Project Fund Committee requires that the recipients of funding to submit a short year-end summary of their funded work that may be published in Colorado Birds: The Colorado Field Ornithologists' Quarterly Newsletter and are invited to present their findings at the annual CFO convention the next calendar year.

- Project proposals must be 3 pages or less in length, using no smaller than 12-font size Times New Roman or Cambria. Please submit a 2-page CV along with the research proposal. Letters of recommendation are encouraged.
- All documents (the project proposal, resume, letters of support, ...) must be submitted in one (1) single electronic PDF file using the portal on our website at cobirds.org no later than 5:00 PM on December 18th, 2020.

Applicants will receive a confirmation email after receipt of their application and will receive notice of the outcome no later than May 1st. For any questions contact Stephanie Pitt at projects-scholarships@cobirds.org.

Guidelines for Research Proposals

- Title of Project and indicate the purpose/objective of the project.
- Brief background placing the research in a broader context of the field.
- Significance of research to the greater understanding and conservation of birds in the Colorado Field Ornithologists’ region. Explain how the project will fill an important gap in knowledge or has the potential to influence management of populations or habitats in a way that affects conservation of species and places.
- Methods of the project that are detailed and concise, with a clear timetable description of who will be conducting the research, where the research will take place, and when the research is planned for and projected date of completion. Justify the validity of the methods being proposed to answer the question.
- Statement describing the organization or individual who can ensure the project’s completion (affiliation can be academic, non-profit organizations, or other).
- Budget justification explaining exactly how CFO funds will be used to support the research with a total budget table of the project, including:
  - financial and volunteer resources from other sources
  - an enumeration of the labor, equipment, and other items required with costs
  - the total amount of funding requested from CFO to cover line item(s)
Additional Requirements

- **Additional material is optional.** Please limit attachments to material that you believe will help the Research Grant Committee to better understand your organization and project. Please state if you have received funds from CFO in the past, with the name of the project and year funded.

- **An article of approximately 500 words** aimed at the general public for publication in the CFO newsletter and posting to the CFO’s webpage is required of recipients, in no smaller than 11 font size, describing the project and the work in progress/completed that is/was funded by this grant (preferably with photos). **This is to be submitted no later than October 1st, 2021.**

- The Board of Directors evaluates proposals based on the expectation that the research will be completed within the calendar year. If delays cause a recipient to deviate from the one-year time frame, they are required to justify a no-cost extension in their reporting. **Unused funds must be returned.**

- **Attending a future CFO convention as a presenter** is highly recommended for funding recipients, to present their research to the members of CFO and share what has been learned about Colorado birds through the research conducted.

- **Publication of a science article** about bird research in *Colorado Birds* is always welcome and encouraged!

Eligibility

- The applicant must be a CFO member ($12 online student member cost) and a full-time or recently graduated undergraduate, masters, or doctoral student, OR a postdoctoral researcher without access to funds from major granting agencies OR a citizen scientist collecting data.

- An applicant may submit and receive a maximum of one research award per year and must be the individual conducting and directing the specific research project and responsible for data analysis.

- Requests for funding from other sources must be noted in the application. If successful in obtaining funds from both AOS and other sources, applicants are expected to notify the Committee Chair.

- Funding can be used for a variety of direct project needs, including field assistant stipends, travel expense reimbursements, monitoring and tracking equipment (such as tracking tags and devices, identifying bands, microphones, nest/trail cameras), DNA analysis kits, [...] is all eligible for funding.

- Note that equipment where use goes beyond the scope of the project (such as photographic cameras, spotting scopes, office equipment...) are usually not eligible for funding.

*For any questions regarding grants please inquire at projects-scholarships@cobirds.org.*