

ASSOCIATION FOR TROPICAL BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION

NAVJOT SODHI CONSERVATION RESEARCH AWARD

GUIDELINES

In remembrance and recognition of the contributions of Navjot Sodhi, who inspired many students and colleagues to work for the conservation of tropical biodiversity, each year, the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation presents the Navjot Sodhi Conservation Research Award to a student from a developing country conducting research in tropical conservation biology.

1) Award

Each year, one cash award (typically up to \$500) toward research-related expenses will be given from the donor-restricted “Navjot Sodhi Fund” which is part of the ATBC asset.

2) Call for Nomination

Call for nominations is made annually through the ATBC web page, and by an e-mail message sent to ATBC members.

3) Selection Committee

The current ATBC President will appoint the Chair and two additional members of the Selection Committee. At least two of the members must be selected among current or recent ATBC Council Members. A committee member may serve for more than one year by reappointment by the President.

4) Selection Process

- i) Call for nominations made by November each year.
- ii) Self-nominations or nominations by others to be forwarded to the Selection Committee Chair by December 31st.
- iii) Announcement of winner made in February of the following year on the ATBC website.
- iv) The awardee will be recognized at either the ATBC Annual Meeting or AP-Chapter meeting.
- v) Award money is released to the recipient by May.

5) Guidelines

Eligibility

Nominees must be ATBC student members who are nationals of a tropical developing country, conducting research that directly contributes to biodiversity conservation within the tropics. All individuals who have been students within the previous 12 months are eligible, including those who have completed a Ph.D. within that period. They may temporarily reside in other countries.

Application materials:

- i) A cover-letter as the main body of an e-mail, with name, nationality, current academic status, project title, and project location.
- ii) A single-page (400-800 word) document as an attachment, describing the research project, accomplishments to date (including any publication from the research), and specifically how the award will be used.

- iii) A letter of recommendation by the major academic advisor of the nominee, verifying the eligibility and explaining the significance of the nominee's academic accomplishment and research potential.
- iv) A curriculum vitae.

Announcement:

The Selection Committee Chair shall forward to the current ATBC President and ATBC Executive Officers the following information: the full list of applicants, the name of the award recipient, and one or two sentences explaining the rationale of selection and the major strengths of the winning application. The ATBC Secretary will keep the records for archival purposes, and the Treasurer will release the award money as specified above.

Post-award Requirements:

The awardee is required to submit a one-page summary of the activities and project results supported by the award, which will be edited and made available publically through the ATBC website. Any publication resulting from the research supported should acknowledge the "Navjot Sodhi Conservation Research Award from the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation".