

SCHUBOT CENTER
Request for Proposals for Avian Research Mini-Grants

The Schubot Center at Texas A&M University is requesting proposals for Avian Research Mini-Grants (up to \$2,500 each). The intended objective of these awards is to facilitate data collection by members of the Schubot Center to advance avian research, with emphasis on aspects of avian health and/or conservation.

Eligibility: All Schubot members (students, postdocs, faculty, research staff) are eligible to apply. Maximum of one mini-grant per person per year; successful recipients are eligible to apply again in future years. Research mini-grants are limited to \$2,500. Publications resulting from data collected with the support from these mini-grants should acknowledge the Schubot Center for funding.

Deadline: Fall 2019 deadline is **5pm on Tuesday, November 26, 2019**. Please submit completed form to Dr. Sarah Hamer (Director of Schubot Center) at shamer@cvm.tamu.edu with 'Schubot Mini Grant' in the subject line. Funding will be available by early December.

Mini-Grant Proposal Format:

- 1) *Proposed investigation* – this section should include significance of the proposed research in the **big picture** of your field of avian science; background on the specific question and study system; specific research objectives and hypotheses; and methods. Briefly describe how this mini-grant will help improve competitiveness of receiving external support for the project or how these funds will help finish a project and produce publishable data. This section is limited to 1000 words plus literature cited and up to two figures and tables.
- 2) *Budget* – this section should include a line-by-line budget and a short budget justification. Make sure your budget matches your research objectives and hypotheses you introduced in part 1. In other words, if you are requesting funds for DNA extraction reagents, it should be clear from part 1 why you would need DNA extraction reagents.
- 3) *Advisor's letter* (for students/postdoctoral associates) – a letter from your advisor approving your proposed activities is required. Faculty applicants require no letter.