

**SCHUBOT CENTER  
Request for Proposals  
Avian Research Mini-Grants  
Fall 2020**



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 avian health, conservation, genetics, behavior, and related fields.

**Eligibility:** All Schubot members (students, postdocs, faculty, research staff) are eligible to apply. Research mini-grants are limited to \$2,500 to be spent within 12 months unless other arrangements are made. Undergraduate student members are welcome to apply with a graduate student, postdoctoral, or faculty mentor. Publications and presentations resulting from data collected with the support from these mini-grants should acknowledge the Schubot Center for funding. Recipients should plan to give a Schubot Seminar to present research findings in a future semester. Maximum of one mini-grant application and award per person per year; successful recipients are eligible to apply again in future years but outcomes from the initial award (e.g., publications, grants) must be shown. Members may be awarded either a travel grant or research mini-grant per year (not both).

**Deadline:** Fall 2020 deadline is **5pm on December 31, 2020**. Please submit completed form to Dr. Sarah Hamer (Director of Schubot Center) at [shamer@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:shamer@cvm.tamu.edu) with 'Schubot Mini Grant' in the subject line. Funding decisions will be made in January 2020.

**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. Project and budget should match a 12-month timeline.
- 3) *Advisor's letter* (for students/postdoctoral associates)– a letter from your advisor approving your proposed activities is required. Faculty/research staff applicants require no letter.