

American Orchid Society Grants

The American Orchid Society awards grants for non-commercial conservation projects, as well as experimental projects of fundamental and applied research on orchids. Conservation projects supported have been in areas as diverse as CITES publication funding, a conservation program for an orchid reserve, establishment of a secretariat for the IUCN/OSG, and other informational resources. Research support has been given in a wide range of areas of biological research such as taxonomy, genetics, anatomy, physiology, development, tissue culture and ecology.

Purpose

The purpose is to advance the conservation and preservation of orchids in every aspect, and/or advance the scientific study of orchids in every respect, as well as to assist in the publication of scholarly and popular scientific literature on orchids.

Eligibility

Qualified personnel associated with accredited institutions or appropriate institutes or organizations may apply for grants. Support is not restricted to individuals or institutions within the United States. The salary of established scientists is not supported. Qualified graduate students with appropriate interests may apply for grants in support of their research. If justified, their salary may be supported. In general, travel to collect orchids is not supported. Other types of travel may be supported on a case-by-case basis. Projects that involve commercial sales of plant are generally not supported.

Amounts Awarded

Grants vary in amount, depending upon the needs and nature of the project and the potential for securing additional funds from other sources. At present, grants range from \$500 to \$12,000.

Duration

The duration of each grant depends upon the particular project. Funds for multi-year grants are paid in annual installments. The maximum duration of support awarded at any one time is three years.

Identity of Awardee

All grants are awarded to the institution or organization sponsoring the applicant. No grants are made to individuals. Institutional indirect costs are not allowed. No portion of an award may be deducted for this purpose.

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[Proposal Guidelines](#)

Proposal instructions are attached. If there is any doubt as to the appropriateness of the proposed project, the applicant is encouraged to put such concerns in writing, outlining the project and requesting an opinion.

[Requirements of Awardee](#)

After a grant has been awarded, semiannual progress reports are due January 1 and July 1 of each year. After completion of the project, research results should be published in either the peer-reviewed, scientific journal *Lindleyana* or *Orchids*, the award-winning magazine of the American Orchid Society.

[Deadlines](#)

Deadline for receipt of proposals is September 1, 2007 for review at the annual members meeting scheduled January 2008. An original application should be submitted to the address below as well as an electronic copy to the email address listed below. Applications are screened by a task force made up of members from the Conservation and Research Committees, and thereafter directed to the appropriate Committee for full review.

[American Orchid Society](#)

[16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33446-4351](#)

[Telephone: 561-404-2000 / Fax: 561-404-2045](#)

**email: [HYPERLINK "mailto:TheAOS@aos.org" TheAOS@aos.org](mailto:TheAOS@aos.org) /
[HYPERLINK "http://www.aos.org" www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)**

(Scroll down for grant proposal guidelines.)

The application should be typed, single spaced, cannot exceed 15 pages equivalent to Courier 10pt font with 1-inch margins on 8½" x 11" paper and must contain all of the following information arranged in this order. Incomplete applications will be returned without review.

Cover Page on Institution Stationary

- A) Title
- B) Principal Investigator Name and Signature
- C) Institutional Signatures
- D) Total Amount Requested
- E) Duration of Project

Grant Proposal Summary Form (attached)

Project Summary

Not to exceed 250 words. Summary to be in clear, lay language. Likelihood and sources of additional or continuing support. For Resubmissions: initial submission date and modifications from original.

Project Description

Specific Aims of Proposal: a concise statement of the goals of the project, not to exceed one page.

Rationale and Significance: should provide a clear and cogent presentation of the problem or scientific question to be addressed and the significance to the orchid and/or scientific community.

Preliminary results: a short summary of any preliminary results or research performed by the Principal Investigator. Not required for consideration of application and can state "none".

Experimental Plan (essential for Research Proposals): an orderly outline of the project or proposed experiments with careful descriptions of experimental methods. If methods have been previously used by the Principal Investigator, a citation of a previously published peer reviewed study will be sufficient.

Experimental plan should also include a description of the statistical methods for data analysis. Appropriate tables and figures can also be included.

Literature Cited

Time Schedule: should be a realistic estimate of the duration of the proposed project.

Facilities Available: list all applicable, including laboratory space and equipment available computer equipment and software.

Curriculum Vitae of Applicant and Co-Investigators

No more than three pages for Principal Investigator and two pages for co-investigators. Should include education and no more than 10 relevant publications.

All current and pending (submitted) support for Principal Investigator and Co-investigator. Investigator should explain any potential overlap between the proposed project and any other funded studies.

Letters of collaboration and support (if applicable).

Budget Sheet: included yearly and total budget (use form attached). Provide justifications for expenditures following the budget sheet.

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Grant Proposal Summary Form

Primary Investigator:

Title of Proposal:

Amount Requested: _____

Period:

Primary emphasis of Investigation:

Conservation: _____

Research: _____

Both: _____

Status of Proposal:

Original Proposal: _____ First Resubmission: _____

Second Resubmission: _____

If Resubmission, original submission date:

Primary areas of Investigation (check all that apply):

Biodiversity		Cladistics	
Embryology		Genetic diversity	
Genetics		Habitat Biology	

Harvest Studies		Hybridization	
Micorrhiza		Molecular Systematics	
Morphology		Nutrition	
Orchid Culture		Orchid Diseases	
Orchid Pests		Phylogeny	
Pollination		Population Biology	
Propagation		Sustainable Use	
Taxonomy		Tissue Culture	
Virology		Other, please explain	

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BUDGET SHEET

Items (add lines to table as needed)	Costs year 1	Costs year 2	Costs year 3	Total costs
A. Salaries and Wages (list all salaries separately by individual)				
Post doctorate				
Graduate Student				
Technical				
Other				
B. Nonexpendable Equipment (attach supporting data; list items separately)				
C. Supplies and Materials				

D. Travel (attach supporting data)				
E. Publication Costs				
F. Other Direct Costs (attach supporting data)				
NOTE: Indirect costs are not allowed				
G. TOTAL				