

BCI Student Research Scholarships for Global Bat Conservation Priorities Q&A Session, November 2016

- **Will each category be funded equally?**
 - It depends on ranking of the proposals. We will make an effort to distribute the awards between the categories, but we are not constrained by this. It comes down to the quality of the proposals in each category.
- **Can you put your project in two categories?**
 - Yes, but it should be clear how it fits in both categories.
- **How will the Merlin D. Tuttle Bat Conservation Scholarship and the Verne & Marion Read Bat Conservation awards get selected?**
 - Merlin Tuttle will help choose from the pool of funded proposals that most closely aligns with his interests. A committee representing Marion Read's legacy will conduct a similar process.
- **Can a student add info about their own background / history for the awards?**
 - There is no separate section specifically for this information. However, if you feel that it is relevant information, you can fit it in the Qualifications section or in your C.V.
- **When will the funding decision be made?**
 - The RFP closes November 30th 2016
 - The awards will be announced by early February 2017.
- **What if my field study time is short (4-months)?**
 - That alone should not rule out your application. It depends more on the feasibility and objective of your project.
- **Are we interested in funding work that will take place in the next year?**
 - Yes. We are looking for work that will begin in the next year. Our typical grant timeline is 1-2 years. If you are a new graduate student and will not commence work until 2018, we invite you to apply to next year's RFP.
- **Will you pay for University overhead?**
 - We do not pay overhead. Usually the University is forced to waive that fee if it is stated in writing. We suggest you inform your office of sponsored programs.
- **Would a project where the data has already been collected be eligible?**
 - It comes down to what aspect of your project that you are seeking funding to fulfill. Example: it is okay if field data have been collected but you need funding for lab analysis. Once again, make sure you have clearly stated objects and goals that align with the project categories.

- **Can a collaborator write recommendation for me?**
 - Yes! Collaborators can be great recommendations.