**Marine Mammal Society 2023**

**Small Grants in Aid of Research** **To support marine mammal research in places where funding is needed most.[[1]](#endnote-1)**

Application template and prompts – please paste responses into the SMM web portal to submit your proposal. Use the tab field to move between fields. Check your word count for each section. Thank you for completing this form in English.

**Project Information**

**Title** Project title

**Location** Fill research area, including eligible country

**Applicant Information**

**Full Name** Fill full name

**Affiliation** Fill affiliation

**Email** Fill email

**Address** Fill address, including eligible country

**Student**   **Early Career**  **Experienced Investigator (> 5 y post degree or equivalent)**

**Biography**

**Introduce yourself.** Provide a short bio starting with “I am…”. 200 words max.

**Overview**

**What do you want to do?** Explain the background, rationale, and purpose of the study. Summarize current knowledge of the topic, identify knowledge gaps, and state the specific research question or hypothesis you will address. You may include essential numbered references [1]. 700 words max.

**Approach**

**How will you do it?** Briefly explain the methods you will use to collect, analyze, and share data. You may include essential numbered references [1]. 700 words max.

**Significance**

**Why is it important?** Explain the anticipated outcomes of your proposed study and their significance to our understanding of the biology and/or conservation of marine mammals. You may include essential numbered references [1]. 400 words max.

**Timeline**

**What is your timeline?** Give a brief timeline of expected research milestones. Funds should be used within 12 months of the award. A short summary report will be requested at the end of the year. An extension may be requested and granted at that time if needed. 200 words max.

**Expenses**

**What support is needed and how will it be used?** Provide a brief project budget and justify the expenses (breakdown by category and explain requested costs within each category). A maximum of 25% of the budget can be requested as a stipend. As these awards are modest, please describe other available funding or explain how the project can be completed with available resources. Grants are awarded to individuals, therefore no grant fees or overhead should be included. Budget not to exceed US $2000.

**Preparation**

Tell us about your preparation or qualification for this study. If working with a mentor and/or team, briefly describe. 200 words max.

**Animal Welfare Considerations**

What are the legislative requirements for this study in this region and have the necessary permits been applied for or received?

Are there additional animal welfare requirements and does this study have the necessary approvals applied for or received?

If applicable, does this study comply with the [Guidelines of Treatment of Marine Mammals in Field Research](https://marinemammalscience.org/about-us/ethics/marine-mammal-treatment-guidelines/)? (yes/no)

**Societal and Research Ethics Considerations**

The Society for Marine Mammalogy recognizes the importance of advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), and its essential role in generating novel research and conservation practices that truly reflect local needs.

Does this study comply with the [Ethical Standards of the Society for Marine Mammalogy](https://marinemammalscience.org/about-us/ethics/professional-ethics-code/)? (yes/no)

Please affirm that you have reviewed these important standards and best practices by stating so here. 30 words max.

Please provide a short statement that highlights how throughout your project you will be contributing to the Society’s DEI goals. We recognize that this section might not be applicable to everyone. However, we would appreciate it if you could envision ways in which you can advance diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in the country where your research will take place. 100 words max.

**Citations**

Please provide the references cited above in numbered format. Limit citations to those most important to your work. Max 10.

1. The Society’s [International Relations Committee](http://www.marinemammalscience.org/about-us/committees/#international) and [Committee of Scientific Advisors](https://www.marinemammalscience.org/about-us/committees/#scientificadvisors) have defined all countries except the following as eligible countries: Applicants cannot be from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and United States. See https://marinemammalscience.org/awards-funding/awards-and-scholarships/grants-in-aid-of-research-information/ [↑](#endnote-ref-1)