



VISITING SCHOLARS at ARCHBOLD

Archbold will award fellowships of up to \$3,000 to visiting scholars for the 2024 field season. Award amounts will vary depending on the length of study, project needs, and number of proposals received. Awardees will be eligible for free shared housing or discounted private housing based on availability.

Overview

Archbold is a not-for-profit biological field station devoted to ecological research, conservation, and education located in south-central Florida. Archbold's 20,000 acres of natural areas encompass outstanding examples of Florida ecosystems with many endemic, imperiled species, as well as a working cattle ranch. Our staff of about 50 works across eight research programs oriented toward four priority areas: saving the rarest of the rare species and ecosystems; sustaining natural and working grasslands; connecting large landscapes and wildlife corridors; and addressing climate change. We engage with many visiting scientists, interns, and collaborators to address these research priorities, sustain our long-term studies, and maintain a dynamic scientific community.

The purpose of the visiting scholar program is to invite and encourage early career scientists (graduate students and post-docs) to conduct research at Archbold and contribute to Archbold's vibrant research community. Previous recipients have worked on research questions across various ecosystems (e.g., scrub, grasslands, wetlands), organisms (e.g., plants, scrub jays, herps, mammals), and subdisciplines (e.g., population ecology, behavioral ecology, agroecology). **We welcome applications regardless of the applicant's familiarity with or prior experience working at Archbold.**

Eligibility

Applicants should already be enrolled in a graduate program or appointed as a postdoctoral scientist and studying in any area of field biology. The proposed work must involve field research conducted at Archbold (including the Station, Reserve or Buck Island Ranch) and/or the immediate area and include at least 4 weeks (cumulative over one year) based on-site at Archbold.

Previous awardees are not eligible for an award. However, Archbold might consider giving the same individual one award for graduate work and another for a further graduate degree or post-doc work, based on scientific merit and at the discretion of the scientific staff.

Additional details

Award funds may be used to offset costs of travel, supplies, food, lodging, or other field-related expenses, or a stipend. Archbold facility use fees are waived. Scholars are eligible for free shared housing or discounted private housing at Archbold based on availability. Awardees can elect to either receive the funds directly (which will generate a 1099 tax form) or establish an account at Archbold to cover non-stipend research expenses.

The awardee must secure the appropriate Federal or State permits for their work before starting but need not have them in hand to apply. If not already obtained, permit applications should be described in the application. Any studies involving vertebrates at Archbold require an animal use protocol approved by the IACUC of the researcher's home institution, as well as submission of an Archbold Animal Use Application at least 6 weeks prior to the anticipated start date of the research.

Scholars will be required to submit a Final Report to Archbold, including a summary expense report, within 1 year of receiving an award. They will also be invited to give a seminar describing their work, typically at the Annual Research Symposium.

How to apply:

Before applying, applicants are encouraged to reach out to the appropriate Program Director (see [link](#) for a list of Archbold programs), as each awardee will need a sponsor on the scientific staff.

Applicants should submit an Application Cover Sheet (available below), along with a short (maximum 2 page) proposal for field work at Archbold; this might be attached to a longer description of the graduate or postdoc research project. The application should: describe the proposed research; make the case for fieldwork at Archbold; include a list of facilities, equipment and field sites needed to complete the research; and provide a brief budget.

Application materials should be emailed to shawkins@archbold-station.org with the subject line "Visiting Scholar". Applicants must also request a letter of reference from their major professor or a faculty member familiar with their research to be emailed to shawkins@archbold-station.org with the subject line "Visiting Scholar Letter of Reference NAME".

Awardees will be chosen by Archbold's senior scientific staff based on the scientific merit of the application and benefit to Archbold science.

Applications are due by Monday, November 13th at 5 p.m. and award decisions will be made by December 15th.

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Application Cover Sheet

Grant-In-Aid of Research

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

- Status:
- Graduate Student / Masters
 - Graduate Student / Ph.D.
 - Postdoctoral Scientist

Current Affiliation / Where Enrolled: _____

Advisor and Advisor Contact Information: _____

Title of Proposal: _____

Proposed time at Archbold

Number of weeks _____

Time of year _____

Budget detail

Item	Total Cost	From Archbold Award	From Other Sources
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$