

Duke Lemur Center Director's Fund

Intent of Awards

These monies are intended to support Duke University graduate students in the first four years of their Ph.D. program. Budgets of up to \$500 are available for students who wish to collect preliminary data, with the intent that these data will support strong proposals for external funding. The monies must be used for research to be conducted at the Duke Lemur Center, either with the living, fossil, or tissue-bank collections. Allowable budget items include supplies, animal-use or other collection-related fees, equipment, core facility fees (e.g., DNA sequencing facilities). These awards do not support tuition, salary, or stipends. Students are eligible for only one award during their graduate career.

How to Apply

Applications should be made directly to the Director. Proposals should be no longer than 3 single-spaced pages (*excluding* references, figures, tables, and budget page). A successful proposal will describe the research topic to be addressed, the significance of the topic, why the topic is best addressed through use of the Lemur Center collections, and what is the anticipated application of the data to be collected. For example, are the data necessary for the student's successful application for an NSF DIG?

Award Reporting

A yearly report is expected until the project is completed. Upon completion, a final report must be submitted. All publications that result from the supported research should acknowledge support from the Duke Lemur Center. Please provide the Center's Research Coordinator with a pdf version of these publications.

Final Note

Apply, apply, apply! Writing proposals is good for your soul (and your career!).