American Genetic Association

Evolutionary, Ecological, or Conservation Genomics (EECG) Research Award Application Form

Deadline TBA
Awards announced TBA

The American Genetic Association grants EECG Research Awards to graduate and post-doctoral researchers who are at a critical point in their research, where additional funds would allow them to conclude their research project and prepare it for publication.

These awards are open to graduate students and postdocs who are members of the American Genetic Association at the time of application (visit http://www.theaga.org/ for membership details). Awards will only be dispersed to applicants who have not yet started an independent research position (e.g., tenure-track faculty) at the time of the award announcement.

The program is not intended to fund an entire research project, to initiate new research projects, or to provide salary support. Priority for funding will be given to proposals that address genome-scale questions, or ecological, evolutionary, and conservation genetics questions that are best addressed using genomic approaches in a hypothesis-testing framework. While we will accept applications to work on any organism or group of organisms, we are most interested in projects that will generate results and conclusions that are broadly applicable, with the potential to move the field forward. Funds are awarded to a maximum of $6,000, awarded to the PI or institution (no overhead is provided).

Successful applications meet these criteria:
- genomic in scope
- novel question within ecology, evolution, and conservation
- likely to achieve results
- clearly written
- broadly applicable result
- appropriate final project within research program

Awardees will be required to complete a blog post for the AGA website describing their planned research before the award is dispersed, and to complete an annual report for three years. In addition to the research funding, awardees will have access to additional benefits within three years from the date of award disbursement: (1) a second blog post with a $250 honorarium, (2) paid travel and registration for a poster or oral presentation at one AGA presidential symposium, (3) a formal mentorship connection with AGA members, and (4) one free Open Access publication at the *Journal of Heredity*. Accepted Original Articles (not Genome Resources) will be eligible to compete for an additional $2,000 through the Outstanding Student-Authored Paper Award, if the first author is a student.

Due to the large number of applications received and evaluated, there will be no individual feedback for unsuccessful proposals.

Guidelines
Prepare your application using the attached format, and save as one PDF file. Replace the header identifier "EECG2027_LASTNAME_Descriptor" with your last name and a one-word project descriptor (e.g., EECG2027_SMITH_Fruitbats). The completed application will include a one-to-two page cover section with applicant details and the two summaries, one budget page with anticipated expenses and budget justification, and a one-to-three-page proposal (i.e., total application no more than six pages). The main proposal text is limited to 1,000 words, using 12-pt font. References and figure captions are not included in the 1,000-word limit, and may be in 10-pt font. The proposal should include a project description and expected results. Funds may be used to provide research expenses; however, no overhead or salary support will be provided.

Save your application to the SAME NAME as the header title (e.g., EECG2027_SMITH_Fruitbats). Please use this name in all correspondence. Expand boxes as needed. Submit your completed application online no later than midnight EST (New York time) on Jan 15, 2026.

Cover: one-to-two pages only

Applicant details: Name: Email: Dept: Institute:	AGA Member #: (See your profile at https://members.theaga.org/member for Member #) Grad student or Post-doc? Expected project completion month/year: $ Amount requested:

Please indicate if you wish to be considered for the Robert K. Wayne Conservation Scholarship & Research Fund (https://www.theaga.org/donate): _X_Yes

Principal Investigator/Faculty Supervisor:

Research project title:

Research summary (limit 200 words):

Summary of how this award will provide a critical bridge to conclude your project and prepare it for publication (limit 200 words):

Please comment on how AGA support for the research or the applicant might contribute to a more inclusive, diverse, and equitable discipline (limit 200 words):

Budget: one page only

ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES

Please use this space for any justification/clarity about budget items, and to report any additional sources of funding for this project.

Project description and expected results (limit 1000 words; expand up to 3 pages)