

Alaska Entomological Society – Kenelm W. Philip Entomology Research Award

Announcement

Summary. The Alaska Entomological Society invites members of the Alaska Entomological Society to submit a proposal to the annual Kenelm W. Philip Entomology Research Award. Kenelm Philip (1931-2014) was a radio astronomer with a B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. from Yale. He moved to Alaska in 1965 and became an associate professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. In 1970 Ken established the Alaska Lepidoptera Survey (ALS), which included over 600 volunteers who helped collect Lepidoptera, primarily butterflies, from around the state. Between 1965 and 2014 Ken was dedicated to documenting the butterfly fauna of Alaska, western Canada and eastern Russia. He amassed the world's largest private collection of Arctic butterflies (78,240 butterfly specimens). His entire collection, which included specimens from around the world and some non-butterflies, had reached 127,973 specimens by 2014. To honor his legacy of documenting the lesser known animals of Alaska, the Philip family established the Kenelm Winslow Philip Entomology Fund which is managed by the University of Alaska Foundation and dedicated to the support of the University of Alaska Museum Insect Collection. This award promotes Ken's legacy and supports the mission of the University of Alaska Museum Insect Collection and the Alaska Entomological Society.

Proposed Program Details:

1. **Eligibility:** Must be a member in good standing of the Alaska Entomological Society.
2. **Allowed Requests:** Proposals will be considered for costs associated with research concerning Alaskan non-marine arthropods (including but not limited to: expendable materials, buying time on analytical equipment, and travel for fieldwork, offsite lab work, and to museum collections). Preference will generally be given to students over non-students, to research concerning Lepidoptera over other taxa, and to research of a taxonomic or faunistic / bioinventory nature.
3. **Award(s):** Award amount is dependent on the proposed research and associated budget with a maximum of \$800. More than one award of less than \$800 may be given per year depending on the quality and quantity of applications, with the total awarded among all awardees combined not exceeding \$800. Award recipients will submit a short statement of completion of funded research (a paragraph) to the Secretary of the Alaska Entomological Society and may be asked to give a short oral report to the Alaska Entomological Society concerning their accomplishments resulting from the award. It is expected that the awardee will acknowledge support from the *Kenelm W. Philip Entomology Research Award* in any resulting publications or presentations. It is also expected that voucher specimens from the funded research will be professionally prepared and deposited in the University of Alaska Museum Insect Collection.
4. **Applications:** Include together in one document, single spaced, 11-point font, 1" margins):
 - i. a one page cover letter to introduce yourself and your project and
 - ii. a one page project description, including a budget, timeline, and expected outcomes.
 - iii. cited references, included on a separate page(s).
 - iv. if applicant is a student, a short statement (a paragraph) from the student's Major Professor (or advisor) that indicates student status and how well the proposed activity is integrated with overall research goals.
5. **Submission:** Please email applications to Chair of the KWP Award committee elizabeth.e.graham@usda.gov by March 15. Awards will be announced by April 1.