

ABS Outreach Grant

The Education Committee of the Animal Behavior Society is pleased to announce the creation of ABS Educational Outreach grants. Modeled after the grant program in place for the Society for the Study of Evolution (SSE), the objectives of this program are: 1. To promote local outreach efforts by ABS members; and 2. To document outreach efforts.

Purpose:

We have a responsibility as scientists to engage with the public. Many members of ABS actively engage in outreach activities, but most of our efforts are undocumented. We would like to provide small outreach grants to support exceptional programs of community outreach. Those that receive awards will be required to write a two-page description of the program that we will post on the ABS website. The purpose of this requirement is to highlight quality outreach programs created by ABS members. We will add descriptions each year, building a repository that will serve as an inspiration to fellow ABS members and as a resource of outreach examples to use in publications, grant applications, and other venues. This website will also be searchable, allowing the public to learn about the creative and diverse outreach activities conducted by ABS members. We will award four to five grants worth \$1000 each.

Proposal submission and selection criteria:

- Each proposal must be submitted as a single PDF by email to the Outreach Grants chair of E. Dale Broder at edalebroder@gmail.com
- Applicants must be members of ABS.
- Members of the Education Committee and Outreach Subcommittee are eligible to apply.
- Proposals should include a one-page, single-spaced project description and a detailed budget on a separate page. Any matching funds (while not required) should be described in the budget.
- Proposals are due annually December 1.
- A panel consisting of four members of the Outreach Subcommittee of the ABS Education Committee will review proposals based on the following criteria:
- **Quality and Engagement:** We will give priority to programs that have one of the following:
- Clear learning objectives beyond simply exposing students to animal behavior (e.g., an emphasis on the process of science, on teaching data analysis and visualization, or on correcting common misconceptions in science, etc.).
- Engagement with students or citizens in a variety of communities and nations who may not generally have access to the study of animals and natural history in a scientific context.
- **Feasibility:** Program seems realistic; authors seem prepared; partners, infrastructure, and matching funds are all positive.
- **Impact:** The program will reach a large number of students or reach a small number in an intensive and effective way.
- Recipients will be expected to present a poster at ABS within 12 months of completion of the project, and a description of activities for posting on the Education Committee page of the ABS website.

Grants will be awarded with full and equal opportunity to members of all genders, nationalities, races, and religions.

We encourage ABS members to consider applying for an Outreach Grant.