

International Biogeography Society Student Travel Awards

The International Biogeography Society is awarding travel grants for students to attend the 2009 biennial meeting, which will be held January 8-12, 2009 in Merida, Mexico. The U.S. National Science Foundation has provided a large grant to IBS that will pay for several dozen students from U.S.-based institutions to attend the meeting. Students awarded these grants will still need to pay meeting registration costs, but most other expenses, such as airfare, hotel costs, and food, will be supported – up to a maximum of \$1,300 per award recipient. IBS will also provide a limited number of travel grants for students based outside the U.S. These grants will award a maximum of \$800 per award participant. All grants will be awarded to graduate and advanced undergraduates giving oral or poster presentations at the meeting.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2008.

Eligibility:

1. Students must be a member of the International Biogeography Society by October 31st, 2008.
2. Students must have submitted an abstract for consideration in advance of the October 31st, 2008 deadline using the www.biogeography.org website. All instructions for the abstract submission can be found [here](#).
3. Students must have had an electronic letter of recommendation (i.e., an email message) submitted to ibsawards@gmail.com by October 31st, 2008. This letter should be from a regular (non-student) member of IBS and must include an explanation of the financial need of the applicant, the relevance of the student's field to biogeography, a statement of the student's academic affiliation, and a telephone number where the referee can be contacted during business hours.
Please limit all letters of recommendation to 1 page.

Application: Please email applications to ibsawards@gmail.com with a subject line, "IBS Student Travel Grants". All applications must be in either .doc or .pdf format.

APPLICATION FORMAT:

Page 1: Personal Information

1. Name
2. Institution
3. Phone Number
4. Gender (For Survey Purposes Only)
5. Ethnicity (For Survey Purposes Only)
6. Nationality (For Survey Purposes Only)

Field of Study (Choose Both Primary and Secondary)

1. Global Change Ecology
2. Evolution

3. Paleobiology
4. Biogeography (General)

Financial Need (Choose Only One)

1. Full Funding Available
2. Award Would Free Existing Funds for Research or Additional Conferences
3. Need Award to Attend

Page 2: Essay

Please provide a 200-word message explaining how attending the 2009 conference and meeting with other biogeographers will enhance your research and professional goals.

Page 3: Abstract

Please include a copy of your abstract.

Please contact [Matt Heard](#) with any questions about this award and thank you for your interest in the International Biogeography Society.