

J. Larry Landers Student Research Grant

The J. Larry Landers Student Research Grant is a Gopher Tortoise Council competitive grant program for undergraduate and graduate students. We will award 1-2 grants of up to \$3,000 each annually. This is an excellent opportunity for students to access funding for their thesis research.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a current undergraduate or graduate student.
- These grants are intended to support original, student-led research on Gopher Tortoise biology/ecology or any other relevant aspect of upland habitat conservation and management within the range of the Gopher Tortoise in the southeastern U.S. Thus, while there is no geographic restriction on where a student is enrolled in their degree program, grants will only be awarded for research projects conducted within the 6-state range of the species (FL, GA, SC, AL, MS, LA).
- Previous Landers Grant recipients are not eligible.

Reporting requirements

- Grantees are required to submit a project summary for “The Tortoise Burrow” newsletter or give a talk or poster about their research at a GTC Annual Meeting within 2 years of receiving the grant.
- Grantees should acknowledge Gopher Tortoise Council in resulting publications and presentations.

Application guidelines and format

- Applications must be received **by midnight (eastern) on February 5th**. Grant recipients will be notified in early March.
- Application should not exceed 6 pages including all 3 sections described below.
- Save as 1 file in PDF format and submit as an email attachment to Betsie Rothermel (brothermel@archbold-station.org), Chair of the GTC Student Awards Committee.

1) Project description (max 3 pages, can be single-spaced; use min 11-pt font size and 1” margins)

- Project title
- Anticipated completion date (month and year) – funded projects should be completed within 2 years
- Name, affiliation, and contact info of applicant, including email address
- Degree status – for example: 4th year Undergraduate, 1st year Master’s student, 2nd year Ph.D. student
- Name of thesis advisor/research mentor
- Background
- Study Objectives – main question(s) or hypotheses to be addressed
- Methods – describe the study design and lab and/or field methods that will be used to address the research questions, including a brief description of how the data will be analyzed
- Expected Results & Significance

2) Supporting information (1 page)

- Literature Cited – list of key citations; These should be referenced in appropriate places in the text using a standard citation format, e.g., Smith (2013) or Smith et al. (2013)
- Budget – list items the grant would be used for and their estimated cost, keeping in mind the max allowable request of \$3,000. Suggested format:

Item	Total cost	Amount from other sources (if any) ¹	Amount requested from GTC
Item A			
Item B			
Item C			
Total amount requested from GTC:			\$

¹Use footnotes to explain sources of other funds or other pending grants that would provide the additional support needed to conduct the research

- Non-allowable expenses: Grant money may not be used to fund travel to conferences or to cover the grantee's salary, tuition, university overhead, or other indirect costs.

3) Résumé or CV (max 2 pages)