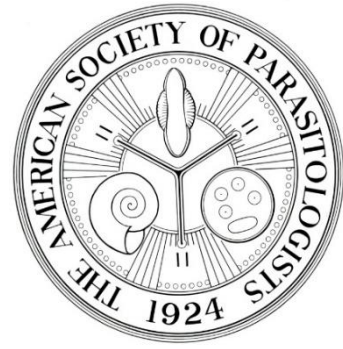


American Society of Parasitologists

Bernie Fried Student Research Grant



Call for Proposals

About Bernie Fried

Bernie Fried was a faculty member at Lafayette College for 37 years where he worked extensively on the biology, physiology, and biochemistry of parasites and gastropods. His research led to important advances to conquer tropical diseases, including valuable applications of thin layer chromatography. More than half of Bernie's 450 publications were coauthored with his undergraduate student researchers, and he routinely had 5–10 undergraduates conducting research under his direction each semester. Bernie was also an active member of the ASP and gifted the Society \$500,000 to be used in support of our student members.

Awards

- For the 2025–2026 Application Cycle, we anticipate awarding up to 10 grants. Depending on the number of quality applicants, awards may range from \$1,000–1,500 each. Applicants will be judged in the Undergraduate or Graduate Student category, with approximately \$5,000 awarded in each educational category.

Who is eligible to apply?

- ASP student members at the Undergraduate and Graduate levels who are conducting research on eukaryotic parasites in a college or university setting.
- Student Applicants and Faculty Mentors must be members of the ASP before funds are dispersed.

Application materials:

- 1) Proposal
 - a) Formatting
 - i) 11–12 pt font; 1-inch margins; 2-page limit
 - b) Sections
 - i) Title
 - ii) Introduction
 - iii) Materials and Methods
 - iv) Anticipated Results and Timeline
 - (1) Projects should be completed prior to degree completion or within 2 years, whichever comes first.
 - v) Conclusion which includes a statement about the importance of the proposed research
- 2) References Cited (no page limit)
- 3) Budget and Budget Justification (1 page limit)
 - a) Funds may be used to cover travel to museums and field sites or to purchase scientific equipment and supplies. Indirect costs, salaries, or materials for unrelated projects will not be covered.
 - b) The grant **does not** cover travel to the ASP annual meeting. We encourage students to apply for the Mark Dresden Student Travel Grant if they are interested in presenting their results at our annual meeting.
- 4) Student Impact Statement (250 word maximum) stating how this award and research funds will impact your future studies and/or career.

- 5) Letter of Recommendation
 - a) 1 page maximum
 - b) Written and signed by faculty mentor overseeing proposed research project.

Following funding, recipients will

- Acknowledge “The American Society of Parasitologists Bernie Fried Student Research Grant” in conference presentations or published works supported by the award.
- Submit a 500-word annual report which summarizes how the funds were used and the outcomes of the research to the Grant Committee chairperson. The report will be shared on the ASP blog and newsletter.

Submission Requirements

- Include all student application materials (application materials 1–4) in a single PDF file.
- Email your application materials to Joanna Cielocha (joanna.cielocha@rockhurst.edu) by **January 15, 2026**. The subject of the email should read, “ASP FRIED RESEARCH GRANT: *LAST NAME*”.
- Research Mentors should email their letter of recommendation separately to Joanna Cielocha (joanna.cielocha@rockhurst.edu) by **January 15, 2026**. The subject should read “ASP FRIED RESEARCH GRANT: *APPLICANT’S LAST NAME LOR*”.

Applicants can expect to hear from the ASP Fried Research Grant awards by February 15, 2026.