

**The E. Alexander Bergstrom Memorial Research Award
from the Association of Field Ornithologists**

E. Alexander Bergstrom (1919-1973) was Vice-President of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association (now AFO) and the Editor of Bird-Banding (now JFO) for 21 years. This fund is named to honor his memory and is intended to further research on birds, which he promoted and to which he was so dedicated.

Purpose of the Award: To promote field studies of birds, by helping to support a specific research or analysis project. In judging among proposals of equal quality, special consideration will be given to those on avian life history, that use data collected all or in part by amateurs or that employ bird banding or other marking techniques. Both Domestic (US & Canada) and Latin American work is eligible for support.

Eligibility: The Domestic awards are aimed at people beginning their research or those with limited or no access to major funding. They are restricted to amateurs, undergraduates, and Masters degree students for individuals based and working in the United States or Canada. In contrast, all researchers based in Latin American countries (amateurs, undergraduates, Masters and PhD degree students) are eligible for the Latin American competition.

Frequency and Amount: Approximately five Domestic awards (maximum \$1000 each) and approximately three Latin American Awards (maximum \$1500 each) will be awarded annually. Applications, submitted in English, Spanish, or Portuguese and due on the **7th of January annually**, may be made for a grant of AFO mist nets in lieu of a cash award.

Applicants must submit a completed application form (see below), a one-page resume, one letter of reference, and a research proposal (maximum 3 single-spaced pages). The 3-page research proposal should include: purpose of the study, methods to be used, literature citations, and a budget outlining total costs and other sources of funding received or applied for. Please do not exceed the 3-page limit. The Committee considers need, so a statement can be included as to the probability of the project's completion if the Bergstrom Award is not received. Applicants for mist nets must supply evidence that the appropriate permits are in hand. The original application and two photocopies must be submitted hardcopy by mail. No email submissions can be considered.

APPLICATIONS, POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 7 ANNUALLY, MUST BE MAILED TO:

John Arvin, Bergstrom Awards Committee, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 103 West Highway 332, Lake Jackson, TX 77566. Phone: (979) 480-0999. JARVIN@GCBO.ORG

**The E. Alexander Bergstrom Memorial Research Award
Application Form**

E. ALEXANDER BERGSTROM MEMORIAL RESEARCH FUND
Association of Field Ornithologists, Inc.

A complete application will include **three copies** of each of the following: (1) this two-page form; (2) a research proposal, maximum 3 single-spaced pages; (3) one letter of support; and (4) a current resume or CV.

NAME:

DATE:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

SOCIAL SEC. #:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION INCLUDING ACADEMIC DEGREES AND
CURRENT OCCUPATION:

TITLE OF STUDY:

DURATION OF STUDY:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF REFERENCE (WHO SHALL SUPPLY LETTER):

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NAME OF APPLICANT:

BUDGET

(Include an itemized listing of proposed expenditures and a justification for these. Mention additional sources of support. The request from this fund should not exceed \$1000 for Domestic or \$1,500 for Latin American applicants. Awards may be for less than this amount. The proposal should include: 1) A statement of objectives; 2) Methods and procedures; 3) Facilities available for the project; 4) A discussion of the scientific or conservation-related significance of the proposed study; 5) A statement of need. **The proposal should not exceed 3 single-spaced pages.**

Only hard copy applications will be accepted. The original and two photocopies must be included. No emailed proposals will be considered. The completed application and copies must be post marked on or before January 7 and mailed to:

John Arvin, Chair
Bergstrom Awards Committee
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For any additional information, please call John Arvin at (979) 480-0999 or e-mail to jarvin@gcbo.org.