



## Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County Invertebrate Paleontology Collections Study Grant

### **PURPOSE**

The Collection Study Grant provides financial assistance for graduate students and post-doctoral researchers to study the scientific collections in the Invertebrate Paleontology Department of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM). These collections are among the largest in North America, and encompass more than 7 million specimens with strengths in the Cambrian, Cretaceous, the Cenozoic of the Eastern Pacific, particularly California, Nevada, and Baja California, and mollusc, echinoderm, and crustacean fossils.

### **FUNDING AND DURATION**

The amount of the award will be up to \$1000, and will support travel and accommodation costs incurred by students while visiting the Museum. Collection visits of three days or longer are encouraged, and the grant is open to candidates outside of the United States; funding will not be available to researchers within daily commuting distance of the NHM. The award committee will consist of NHM-affiliated paleontologists and will be judged on the merit, feasibility, and communication of the proposed research, and strength of recommendation letter by faculty advisor.

### **DEADLINES**

Proposals are due **April 1st**, with notification of successful candidates by **April 15th**. Funds are available for use until **April 1st** the next year.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Proposals are to be sent electronically to:  
Austin Hendy at [ahendy@nhm.org](mailto:ahendy@nhm.org)  
Subject line: NHM IP Collections Study Grant

The application is intended to be short (limited to two pages). The application must include: title of research project; name, address, and phone number of applicant; current college status (where enrolled, major, degree program, anticipated graduation date).

Proposals must also include a description of the planned research (approx. one-page), expected deliverables and their timeline (e.g., publications), likely outreach opportunities (e.g., public presentations), anticipated visit dates (and length), and a budget justification. Proposals should demonstrate the critical role of NHM's collection and how a collections visit might enhance identification, curation, digitization, or generation of new data. Please attach proposal in PDF format. We also require a letter of support from a faculty advisor.