

Scholarships for Studies of Neotropical Migratory Birds and the Conservation of their Habitats.

The St. Louis Audubon Society (SLAS), in collaboration with a Latin American program for the conservation of birds, is pleased to announce a new offering of scholarships for masters and doctoral students. The mission statement for the National Audubon Society is: "To conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats, for the benefit of humanity and the world's biological diversity." By offering this financial aid, the SLAS wishes to further this mission as well as encourage field work meant to ensure the well-being and good health of migratory birds in their wintering grounds.

These scholarships are offered to students enrolled in a graduate-level field work program in those countries known to welcome Missouri's migratory birds,: Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Belize, Costa Rica and southern Mexico. Preference will be given to proposals seeking partial or full support for field work on tropical or temperate bird populations, bird ecology, bird migration or conservation of birds and their habitat. Proposals will be evaluated on their scientific merit and probability of success. The value of each scholarship will not exceed \$600. It will be possible to re-apply for a second year of funding.

Completed proposals, in Spanish or English, are due by March 15, 2009 and should be sent to:

Saint Louis Audubon

Latin American Program Committee

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Proposals (no more than four pages) should include:

- 1) the project description and objectives
- 2) significance of the project
- 3) a clearly justified budget
- 4) a curriculum vitae (not included in 4 page maximum)
- 6) two letters of recommendation (not included in 4 page maximum) from current or former faculty or scientists, of which one should specify that you are a bona fide student currently doing significant field work, and that your expenses are not already covered by existing funds .

Please make this announcement available to all interested students.