

**Proposal Guidelines
for the
Frances M. Peacock Scholarship
Garden Club of America**

The **Frances M. Peacock Scholarship** for Native Bird Habitat was created by the late Frances M. Peacock, “to provide financial aid to an advanced student (college senior or graduate student) to study areas in the United States that provide winter or summer habitat for our threatened and endangered native birds.” For the purpose of this award we consider as “threatened” all birds that are experiencing marked population declines, ranked as of “special concern,” or at other forms of conservation risk. Projects funded by this award must be conducted within the political boundaries of the United States, including Puerto Rico, Guam, etc.

The award will be given annually by the Garden Club of America and administered by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. This scholarship will fund one or more recipients up to \$4,000. The scholarship will be paid directly to the awardee.

Proposals will be judged upon the significance of the research project, prior accomplishments of the awardee, and the appropriateness of the research topic as it relates to the criteria of the Scholarship.

Ground rules

- Overhead or indirect costs will not be paid by the Scholarship.
- The Peacock Scholarship is for one year only and may not be renewed for multi-year projects.
- The Scholarship is for college seniors or graduate students only (Juniors in their second semester may submit an application for senior year.)
- Funds from the Peacock Scholarship can be used at the discretion of the awardee for expenses directly related to the proposal project.

Conditions

- A formal, but short research report is due one year after the support has been awarded. The awardee should email the progress report to Dr. Irby Lovette (ijl2@cornell.edu) at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.
- The Garden Club of America and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology shall receive acknowledgment for their assistance in any publication or report resulting from this Scholarship.

Application Guidelines

A complete application consists of a Cover Page, the Proposal, and your Curriculum Vitae.

1. Cover Page

- Project title
- Applicant name
- Applicant’s email and mailing addresses
- Applicant’s student status, institution, and advisor

2. Proposal

The proposal should be no more than five single-spaced pages, 1-inch margins, and 12-point font. We recommend including the following elements:

- **Title:** a brief description of your project.
- **Summary/Abstract:** one paragraph review written for a general audience.
- **Objectives:** a concise statement of the specific objectives of your project.
- **Justification:** a concise statement of the importance of your project as it relates to the definition of the Peacock Scholarship, “to study areas in the United States that provide winter or summer habitat for our threatened and endangered native birds.”

- **Background:** a brief summary about previous research on the topic and the status of your project.
- **Methodology:** an explanation of how you plan to carry out your project. Outline the stages of your project, where the work will be done, and what facilities and equipment are available. If your project involves study plots, please note the plot size.
- **Schedule:** time period required to complete your project.
- **Budget:** a simple but specific account of how you plan to use the funds requested.

3. **Curriculum Vitae**

Your curriculum vitae should provide a brief summary of your academic education, job experience, publications, other professional contributions, and other relevant training.

Submission Guidelines

- A complete application consists of the Cover Page, the Proposal, and your CV.
- Send all materials appropriately collated in a single PDF file.
- Name the PDF file using the following format: LastName_FirstName_Peacock_2016.pdf
- Email the PDF file to Dr. Irby Lovette (ijl2@cornell.edu). Be sure to CC: Myrah Bridwell (mb252@cornell.edu).

Deadline for submission is on the 15th of January each year.