

# Vanderbilt Evolutionary Studies Trainee Travel Awards

## Award Details

The Vanderbilt Evolutionary Studies Initiative will award up to \$500 for undergraduate, graduate, or postdoctoral trainees presenting their work at a national or international scientific meeting in the 2024-2025 academic year. Both the trainee's work and the meeting must be related to evolutionary studies. Trainees may receive up to one award per academic year. Funds may be used for any meeting-related expense (e.g., registration fees, poster printing, lodging, travel, or a per diem). If attending a virtual meeting, funds may be used for registration fees. There is no deadline for applications; all applications for conferences that start prior to June 30, 2025, will be considered. **\*Special note on Evolution 2025 in Athens.** This conference is right at the deadline for the fiscal year, if you can use the funds for registration, that should be done before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, along with any other things that can be paid for before the conference. Additionally, you can double the award (\$1,000) by volunteering at the Evolutionary Studies booth.

## Eligibility

Trainees that receive awards must commit to regularly attend (e.g., attend more than half) the Evolutionary Studies seminars and journal clubs in the academic year the award is given. Trainees must explicitly acknowledge support from Vanderbilt Evolutionary Studies Initiative in their poster or talk presentation. Trainees attending but not presenting at a meeting are not eligible.

## Requesting Award

Download and complete the Award Request Form and email it to the scientific coordinator, Dr. Andy Flick ([andrew.j.flick@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:andrew.j.flick@vanderbilt.edu)). Required materials include: a) brief budget with justification, b) a one or two sentence description of the meeting and how it is related to evolutionary studies, c) a one or two sentence description of the trainee's presentation and how it relates to evolutionary studies, d) written acknowledgment that the trainee commits to regularly participate in seminars and journal clubs run by evolutionary studies, and e) signatures from trainee and advisor. To receive the funds, trainees will need to provide itemized receipts for all expenses (up to the travel award amount) within 30 days after the start of their meeting.

