



## **American Bamboo Society** **([bamboo.org](http://bamboo.org))** **Grant Guidelines**

### **General:**

The American Bamboo Society (ABS) offers grants to promote research on the utilization, identification, propagation, and culture of bamboo, with the goal of increasing the appreciation by and the education of the public on the benefits of bamboo in now and in the future.

The ABS, through its Grant Committee, offers researchers the opportunity to expand the knowledge of bamboo, provides direction when applying for grant money, oversees the grant process, and recommends approval to the ABS Board of Directors. Grants are approved by the ABS Board of Directors once a year at its fall meeting, but applications may be submitted anytime during the year to the Grant Committee through the Secretary of the ABS.

Grants can range from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars. If a request exceeds the ABS grant limits for the submitting year, it may be possible to obtain partial funding if other sources of funding are documented in the application.

Grant applications must be submitted on the approved ABS Grant Application form attached to these Guidelines.

### **Who may Apply:**

Preference will be given to faculty, fellows, and students affiliated with credible academic, research, or non-profit organizations. The principal investigator shall be (or become) a member of the ABS and submit a resume or curriculum vitae, two pages or less. A student applicant may also apply for a complimentary student membership in the ABS with proper documentation.

### **Supported Projects:**

Are any which help fulfill the mission of the ABS: "To provide a source of information on the identification, propagation, utilization, culture and appreciation of bamboos." This may include basic and applied scientific research, published works, or artistic and cultural projects in the humanities or social sciences.

### **Allowable Expenses:**

These include travel for field work, materials and supplies, labor and equipment. Salaries for the investigators and indirect costs are excluded. Any other expenses are negotiable with proper documentation. A complete and specific project budget shall be part of the application.

### **The Application:**

Shall be limited to three pages in length. The deadline for submission of an application for the following calendar year is one month prior to the date of the annual ABS Board meeting as announced on the ABS web site [bamboo.org](http://bamboo.org).

**Responsibilities of Investigators:**

In the case of field work, the Principal Investigator is responsible for obtaining all necessary collection and importation permits, particularly where living material is involved.

Grantees are expected to prepare periodic interim reports to the ABS Board of Directors and a final report or article to be published in either the ABS peer-reviewed journal *Bamboo Science and Culture* or in the ABS magazine BAMBOO as appropriate.