**The American Cetacean Society**

**Los Angeles Chapter (ACS-LA)**

**Guidelines for Research Grants:**

The Los Angeles Chapter of the American Cetacean Society offers small research grants in support of operating research projects focusing on marine mammals. ACS-LA has a long-standing commitment supporting local research on cetaceans and other marine mammals. The two $1,000 research grants will be awarded to researchers or students exhibiting an outstanding commitment to furthering the understanding of marine mammals in California. Priority will be given to applicants working or attending school in Southern California and/or conducting their marine mammal research in Southern California.

**Eligibility:**

1.  Applicant should be a researcher or a student living and/or attending school in California.

OR

2.  Current research focus should be on Marine Mammals located in or around California with priority being given to work conducted in Southern California

**Applications:**

Applications should include the following:

1. Cover sheet with:

a) Title of Proposal and Research Area of interest including focal species

b) Field Research Group Information (Name, Address, E-mail, and Phone numbers and departmental contacts) or Current School, Major, and Name(s) of Supervisor and Department

c) Names and contact information of Lead or Principal Investigator (PI), Second PI, and any student participants

2. A one-page CV or Resume for Principal Investigator and Secondary Investigators

3. A 1-2 page narrative (single spaced) describing your research organization or program, details, and justification for your specific research topic including objectives, details on geographical area being investigated, hypotheses, and total project timeline including temporal benchmarks for the work.  How will your research contribute to our understanding and/or benefit the species being studied?  Is this a species-based effort or a habitat and/or conservation based study? Please include your estimated 1-year budget and budget justifications.

All applications will be reviewed for scientific value and overall conservation benefit.

**Requirement For Recipients:**

Recipients of the awards will be asked to present their research sometime in the next year at ACS-LA’s monthly speaker series.  Please be prepared to present your work, with visuals, to the ACS-LA community.

**Contact Information**

Please feel free to contact ACS-LA Grants Chair Christina Tombach Wright with any questions,ACSLA.GRANTS@GMAIL.ORG

Applications should be sent by E-mail to ACSLA.GRANTS@GMAIL.ORG

Information about the Los Angeles Chapter of ACS can be found on our website: [www.acs-la.org](http://www.acs-la.org/).

To join ACS-LA, please go to <http://acsonline.org/support-acs/become-member/>  and specify the Los Angeles Chapter.

For further information about specific chapters and other grant-making programs, please visit the Chapter page of the National American Cetacean Society website: [www.acsonline.org](http://www.acsonline.org/)