

The American Cetacean Society Los Angeles Chapter (ACS-LA)

Research Grant Application Instructions

The Los Angeles Chapter of the American Cetacean Society offers small grants in support of research projects focusing on cetaceans. ACS-LA has a long-standing commitment supporting local scientists & researchers working with cetaceans and other marine mammals. This year, two \$3,000 research grants will be awarded to a qualified researcher or student exhibiting an outstanding commitment to furthering the understanding of cetaceans along the west coast of the United States. We are looking for applicants who are working or attending school along the west coast of the U.S. and/or conducting their research on cetacean species who live along the west coast.

Deadline: Research Grant Applications should be submitted by e-mail on or before midnight Pacific Standard Time (GMT -8) on [15-March-2026](#). Award winner will be announced on or before [15-April 2026](#).

Eligibility: Board members of ACS-LA or any ACS affiliated chapter including ACS-National are not eligible due to conflict of interest.

1. Applicant should be a researcher or a student living and/or attending an accredited university along the west coast of the United States.

OR

2. Current research focus should be on cetaceans inhabiting the west coast of the United States.

Applications:

Applications should be formatted as one PDF document that includes the following:

1. Cover sheet with the following:

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

- d) Contact information where you want the check to be mailed including:
1. Full name as you would like written on the check and documentation
 2. Full address where you would like to see your reward mailed
 3. Cell phone number where we can reach you regarding your reward and to schedule your talk/presentation

2. A one-page CV or Resume for Principal Investigator and Secondary Investigators if the proceeds of the grant will benefit more than one researcher

3. A 1-2 page narrative (single spaced) describing your research organization or program 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, overall conservation benefit and funding needs.

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 in person or via zoom. Please be prepared to present your work, with visuals (Powerpoint or video format), to the ACS-LA community.

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact the ACS-LA Grants Chair Christina Tombach Wright with any questions: ACSLA.grants@gmail.com

One Combined PDF of your application should be sent on or before the deadline by E-mail to: ACSLA.grants@gmail.com

Information about the Los Angeles Chapter of ACS can be found on our website: www.acs-la.org.

We encourage all cetacean researchers and enthusiasts to stay involved with ACS-LA by either becoming a member or by joining our mailing list. Our monthly newsletter will keep you up to date on all of the ACS-LA activities and events. Our mailing list form can be found on our home page at: <https://acs-la.org>. To see all the benefits of membership and to join ACS-LA click here: <https://acs-la.org/membership>. Please specify the Los Angeles Chapter when signing up as a member.

For further information about specific regional chapters and other ACS grants offered, please visit the National website for the American Cetacean Society: www.acsonline.org.

For a list of previous recipients of the ACS-LA Research Grant please visit: acs-la.org/grants-and-awards