



## PS Outreach and Education Grant 2012

The Paleontological Society works to increase the public's awareness and understanding of paleontology by enhancing formal and informal educational opportunities. The Paleontological Society Outreach and Education Grant provides support to our members for programs and activities involving educational outreach and community engagement.

Potential fundable projects include, but are not limited to, field trips to fossil sites and/or museums for teachers and pre-college students, educator training and curriculum development, participation in local community initiatives, development of educational materials for classroom use, and website or other online material development. The subject matter covered by outreach proposals may fall within any subdiscipline of paleontology/paleobiology. Particularly encouraged are projects that (1) include opportunities for undergraduate students to become involved in paleontological outreach to younger students or the public, (2) create new educational "apps" or other technologies, and/or (3) produce educational materials that could be distributed more widely through the PS website.

### Amount of Grant

The Paleontological Society will issue four grants of \$2500.00 each.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be members of the Paleontological Society at the time of application. Graduate student applicants should provide documentation of a professional member's willingness to serve as advisor for the project.

### Application

Applications for a PS Outreach and Education Grant must include:

1. A project proposal, three to five pages in length, single-sided, which must include
  - a project title
  - names and contact addresses of participating personnel
  - a brief synopsis of the project
  - target audience (*e.g.*, grade level, in-service teachers, the public)
  - project description
  - goals of the project
  - expected outcomes (including how they will be assessed)
  - timeline
  - a discussion of the significance to the science education community.
2. A detailed, itemized budget with justification of the uses of the PS Education & Outreach funds. We cannot pay overhead or indirect costs. Matching funds from other sources are strongly encouraged.
3. A one page CV of each of the project personnel.

**Deadline**

**Deadline for submission is March 30, 2012.**

**Submissions**

Email all application materials to Peg Yacobucci, Chair, PS Education & Outreach Committee: [mmyacob@bgsu.edu](mailto:mmyacob@bgsu.edu). Electronic files should be in .pdf, .doc, or .docx format.

**Review Process**

Grantees will be selected by a subcommittee of the Paleontological Society's Education & Outreach Committee. Evaluation criteria include the goals, significance, feasibility, creativity, and likely impact of the project, and the soundness of the budget. Recipients will be notified in June.

**Grant Award Procedures**

Grant awards can be made directly to individuals or to institutions. Please be advised that if a grantee opts to receive the funds directly, the Paleontological Society is required to issue an IRS 1099 form at the end of the calendar year. The grant funds may or may not be taxable; grantees must make that determination themselves. The Society cannot offer tax advice.

Grantees are required to submit a follow-up project report by March 2013 detailing the project's outcomes. Details on the reporting requirements will be sent to all grantees.