

Paleontological Society
International Research Program (PalSIRP)
Sepkoski Grants for 2020

The Paleontological Society is pleased to announce continuation of its expanded small grants program for paleontologists living in Eastern Europe and republics of the former Soviet Union, Central and South America and island nations of the Caribbean (**excluding** possessions' and territories of the USA and western Europe) and the continent of Africa.

For 2020 Sepkoski Grants will expand into southern Asia (**excluding** Japan, North and South Korea, China, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, and Syria), and island nations of the Indian and Pacific Oceans (**excluding** Australia and New Zealand).

For 2020, the Paleontological Society will award up to twenty-five grants of US \$1000. These grants will be made directly to individuals and not to institutions. Grantees will be selected by a committee of the Paleontological Society based on the quality and feasibility of the proposed research. Grants will be awarded to paleontologists at levels ranging from graduate students to professionals and to active retirees.

PalSIRP Sepkoski Grants are named in honor of Dr. J. John Sepkoski, Jr., founder of the program. Dr. Sepkoski died at age 50 in 1999.

Applications for a *PalSIRP Sepkoski Grant* must include the following *four* items, all typed in English: see website -- <http://paleosoc.org/grants-and-awards/paleontological-society-international-research-program-palsirp/> -- for additional information.

1. The **Cover sheet** (downloaded from the *Sepkoski Grants* announcement available at the website completely filled out and sent with the rest of the application.
2. **Cover letter**, stating the applicant's full name as it appears on the applicant's passport, passport number, date of birth, institutional affiliation, address, telephone number, FAX number, and *especially the e-mail address*. The letter should also provide names and addresses of paleontologist's familiar with the applicant's research and exclusive of the applicant's country of origin. These persons will be used as referees and will be contacted by the *Sepkoski Grants* Committee
3. **Research proposal**, no longer than two pages, single-sided divided into the following sections.
 - I. A project title,
 - II. A brief description of proposed research,
 - Ia. The significance of the research, both regionally and globally, and
 - III. The intended uses of funds from the *Sepkoski Grant*

The subject matter covered by grant proposals may be in any field under the discipline of paleontology/paleobiology. Applicants should look over the *Journal of Paleontology* as a guide to acceptable topics. Appropriate uses of *Sepkoski Grant* funds include (but are not limited to) salary support, domestic and foreign travel, and equipment purchase. Requests for field expenses, publication costs, attendance at scientific meetings, and aspects related to any of these areas is acceptable. If you receive a grant we ask that a brief accounting of how the funds were spent be sent a year after the grant is received.

Also, as a part of this section please include a statement telling us how (if awarded a grant) you can receive payment, in US dollars. We suggest that you confer with your bank on this. For example, it may be recommended by your bank (and backed by current experience), to use a wire transfer.
4. **Curriculum vitae (C.V.)**, listing birth date, education, current professional position, and all published papers, articles, and books. Additional information, such as employment history, awards, participation in international conferences and projects, etc., may be included.

The cover sheet and items (2-4) must be sent by e-mail (in Microsoft Word or plain- text) as a single attachment, (not multiple attachments), to the following address:

< parsley@tulane.edu >

Proposals must be received by **April 1, 2020** to be considered for 2020 funding. Proposals received after that date will not be considered. Proposals not written in English will be returned without consideration.

Paleontologists living in the following countries are currently eligible for *PalSIRP Sepkoski Grants*: all republics of the former Soviet Union, including the Baltic States, Mongolia, and nations in Eastern Europe (other than East Germany), including Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, and the countries of the former Yugoslavia, countries of Central America, Countries of South America, and island nations of the Caribbean (excluding possessions' and territories' of the USA and western European countries) and the continent of Africa: southern Asia (**excluding** Japan, North and South Korea, China, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, and Syria) **and island nations of the Indian and Pacific Oceans (excluding** Australia and New Zealand)

There is no limit to the number of times a paleontologist may apply for a *PalSIRP Sepkoski Grant* but only one application will be considered in a given year. Awards are usually made in September and October.

Applicants for the 2020 grant program should contact their potential referees by e-mail to determine their willingness to act as recommenders. It is also suggested that applicants send a copy of their proposal to their referees for informational purposes. We stress this in the strongest terms.

The Paleontological Society asks all colleagues for their assistance in advertising *PalSIRP Sepkoski Grants*. Please circulate this grant application information to your colleagues in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Central and South America and Caribbean nations and the continent of Africa.

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