**Lepidopterists’ Society Student Research Award Application**

To apply for funding from the Ron Leuschner Memorial Fund for Research on the Lepidoptera, please send your application to Dr. Shannon Murphy (Shannon.M.Murphy@du.edu) by January 15 annually. Your entire application should be written using 12-point font size, be single-spaced throughout, have margins no less than one inch wide, and should consist of the following:

1. Completed Application Form (not to exceed single page)

2. Proposal of no more than 500 words that includes: rationale and background,

hypotheses and associated predictions, methods and experimental design, and significance of the proposed research to the study of Lepidoptera. Indicate references as superscript numbers so they do not count towards the total word count. The student is encouraged to carefully review a draft of the proposal with their academic advisor prior to submission (not to exceed single page)

3. Figures or Tables (if any, legends limited to 50 words; not to exceed single page)

4. References (not to exceed single page)

5. Budget and Justification. Budget may include equipment, materials, travel costs, and other appropriate expenses. If you are requesting only partial funding for your research through the Society, you should clearly indicate which expenses would be covered by the Lepidopterists’ Society and how other expenses would be funded. (all awards will be for $1,000, not to exceed single page)

6. A copy of your CV (not to exceed two pages)

7. If applicable, provide letter of agreement/acknowledgement to work with the

corresponding institution’s/curator's collection.

Please create a single PDF file with the documents in the order outlined above, label the file “Your Last Name\_LepSoc Proposal”, and email it to Dr. Shannon Murphy (Shannon.M.Murphy@du.edu). In a separate email, please have your Academic Advisor or Major Professor send an email of recommendation in support of your research to Dr. Shannon Murphy (Shannon.M.Murphy@du.edu) by the same deadline.

Proposal merit will be reviewed using the following criteria and considerations:

1. Rationale and background for the proposed research, including how this specific

funding would advance the applicant’s research program.

2. Clearly stated hypotheses with associated predictions.

3. Methods and experimental design that address the stated hypotheses and predictions, including the appropriate use of statistical analyses to test them.

4. Significance of the research to the study of Lepidoptera.

5. A clear and concise budget with justifications. Budgets can include appropriate research expenses including equipment, consumable supplies, and travel costs. If the Lepidopterists’ Society provides only partial funding, the source(s) of the remaining funds needed to complete the project should be clearly stated.

6. Professionalism. Proposal should be clearly written, understandable, and free from

spelling or grammatical errors.

*Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.*

Application Form

**Student Name:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Title of Proposed Research:**

**Degree Program (highlight one): Undergraduate Master’s Ph.D.**

**University/College Name:**

**Name and position of Academic Advisor or Major Professor (the person submitting your letter of recommendation or support):**

**Are you a member of the Lepidopterists’ Society? (Note: You must be a member of the Society to apply for this funding) YES NO**

**Is a collecting permit required for your research? YES NO**

**If yes, have you initiated steps to obtain one (briefly describe below)? YES NO**

**Have you received funding from the Lepidopterists’ Society before? YES NO**

**If yes, did you submit your final report to the Society? YES NO**