



## **STUDENT/EARLY CAREER TRAVEL AWARD 2025**

### **The Southern California Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

The Southern California Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS SoCal) is offering an undetermined number of travel awards of up to \$1000 each to help qualifying students and early career professionals attend the [2025 Annual Meeting](#) of the Western Section of The Wildlife Society in Visalia, CA (3-7 February 2025). The awards may cover the costs of pre-conference symposia or workshops (see [here](#) for details).

Applications are due **15 DECEMBER 2024** by midnight PDT. The successful candidate(s) will be chosen by the TWS SoCal Executive Board using the following evaluation criteria:

#### ***Eligibility***

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of TWS SoCal (\$10/year; sign up [here](#))
- Be a student enrolled at an accredited college/university within the chapter's geographic boundary (San Diego, Imperial, Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties)
- OR be a recent graduate (within the past 3 years) who resides or works within the chapter's geographic boundary

#### ***Application Instructions***

All applicants must submit electronic copies of the following:

- Complete application form [here](#) (see below for worksheet).
- Proof of TWS SoCal membership (copy of membership dues payment receipt).
- An essay (500 words maximum) describing your interest and career goals in wildlife, conservation, and management as a whole. Please include a statement of why you should receive this award.
- If you are planning to present, please include the abstract of your poster or oral presentation and proof of acceptance (acceptance letter from TWS-WS) if you have received it.

#### ***Note***

Applicants will be notified of the award results by 29 December 2024. The award recipient(s) will be reimbursed for covered expenses after the meeting and will be required to submit an expense form. The award recipient(s) is/are expected to attend the SoCal Chapter annual meeting (Thurs, 6 Feb, 8-9:30 pm), and to submit a newsletter article/social media post about their experience before reimbursement. Attendance at the Welcome Reception, Banquet, Breakfast Roundtable, and Student-Professional mixer (Thurs, 6 Feb, 4-6 pm) are highly encouraged.

**Please submit all application materials (or questions) to:**

Colleen Wisinski and Lyell Buttermore  
Student Affairs Committee Co-Chairs  
[StudentAffairs@tws-socal.org](mailto:StudentAffairs@tws-socal.org)

**Please include "TWS SoCal Travel Award" in the email subject line.**



# TWS SoCal Student Travel Award Application Form

(Please print or type)

Please fill out the online application form [here](#). This form is provided as a worksheet or can be submitted via email. Applicant Information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Phone (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

School Information (if current student):

\_\_\_\_\_  
College/University

\_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Sought or Earned

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expected or Actual Graduation Date Name of Advisor

**OR**

Work Affiliation (if early career professional):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP code

## Poster or Oral Presentation Information (If applicable)

Did you submit an abstract for a poster or oral presentation (X)? No \_\_\_\_\_ Poster \_\_\_\_\_ Oral \_\_\_\_\_ If so, are you the first author (X)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be making the presentation (X)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation has been (X): Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted (Waiting for response) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presentation/Poster Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Session/Symposium

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## Requested Conference Expenses

Projected Expenses (and details)

Registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(maximum \$199 for students and ECP, may include early registration, Wed breakfast)

Pre-conference events  
Event registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation \_\_\_\_\_ nights @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per night \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(please provide room rate with taxes included)

Travel \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total projected expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total funds available from other sources \$ \_\_\_\_\_

details: \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding financial needs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The award recipient(s) must submit all receipts related to the travel award to TWS SoCal.

## Verification

The undersigned assures that the information supplied above and on attached documents is true, that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements as stated herein, and that the financial need as stated is accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature Date