

HAA Student Research Grant

The Herpetological Association of Africa proudly announces that applications for the *HAA Student Research Grant 2021 (for ZAR 15 000)* are now open to all HAA student members (regardless of country of residence) in good standing (must be currently enrolled in a university degree program, proof of student status will be required) who are working in any field of original research on African herpetology (Africa taken to include the continent of Africa, Madagascar, the Canary Islands, Cape Verde Islands, Gulf of Guinea islands, Mascarenes and Seychelles). Applications must include a curriculum vitae and a maximum three-page (single-spaced) statement of the research project including the following:

- A statement of the degree program and institution as well as the academic mentor/advisor's name and contact details.
- The title of the project.
- A project outline, including the project objectives/goals/hypotheses, the methods to be used, key references and any figures that may help to elucidate the project.
- A budget (presented in ZA Rand) outlining how the money will be spent. Grant money may be used to purchase equipment or supplies, to fund travel to field sites (airfare, petrol, etc.) or other direct costs incurred by the proposed research. Funds may not be used to cover meeting or conference attendance, or associated travel nor may they be used as salary.

Please note: the awarded funds will be paid to the relevant institution, and that a financial and operating report should be submitted to the HAA by end November 2021.

Applications will be due on **31 January 2021** and will be evaluated by a committee of HAA members, none of whom have students in the competition. A single award will be given based solely on the merits of the proposal as judged by the review panel. Announcement of the award will be circulated via email and posted on the HAA Facebook page and website by **1 March 2021**.

Applications should be clearly marked as **student award application**, are to be sent to awards@africanherpetology.org and should be received before 23:59 CAT on January 31st 2021.

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HAA Committee (Awards Portfolio)

On behalf of the HAA Committee 2020