

HAA Professional Research Grant 2024

The Herpetological Association of Africa proudly announces that applications for the HAA *Professional Research Grant* (for ZAR 15 000) are now open to all HAA professional and postdoctoral members in good standing with the Association 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). Applicants must reside in Africa and must be affiliated with a recognised research institution (proof of status will be required). Applications must include a curriculum vitae and a maximum three-page (single-spaced) statement of the research project including the following:

- 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 host institution, and that a financial and operating report should be submitted to the HAA by end November 2024.

Applications are due on **31 March 2024** and will be evaluated by a committee of HAA members. 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 29 April 2024.

Applications should be clearly marked as “Professional award application”, are to be sent to **awards@africanherpetology.org** and should be received before 23:59 CAT on March 31st 2024.

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HAA Committee (Awards Portfolio)

On behalf of the HAA Committee 2024