

# **SEAPRE Junior Scientist Exchange Application**

## **Purpose of SEAPRE junior scientist exchange**

Two junior scientists (graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research technicians, beginning faculty or agency scientists) will be selected to participate in cross-system exchanges between research and conservation groups associated with the SEAPRE Research Coordination Network. Junior scientists should be actively or recently involved in ecological research or conservation on islands inhabited by seabirds. Applicants should demonstrate in their proposal how they will benefit from visiting a different set of seabird islands or lab of a seabird island research group, and how they will interact with the scientists working in the other system. Priority will be given to projects that facilitate comparative studies between the systems, and will provide a more global context for the work being done in both systems. For example, in a project funded last year, “Social Attraction of Seabirds to Palmyra Atoll,” the recipients gained new experience planning a large-scale rodent eradication project, and contributed their expertise by developing and testing methods for attracting extirpated petrels and shearwaters.

### **Allowable Funding Requests:**

SEAPRE will consider requests up to **\$2500**. Funding is intended to allow the participants to travel and work at another field or lab; it is NOT intended to cover associated research costs (supplies, equipment, lab analyses, etc.). Participants based at a US institution may request funding to cover travel expenses to any location, accommodation, and other personal costs; foreign participants (not based at a US institution) are limited to visiting US-based research groups and may request support for accommodation and on-site personal costs but not travel costs. SEAPRE encourages applications from women and minorities.

**Application deadline** for travel to be conducted between May 1, 2009 and May 1, 2010:

**March 15, 2009.**

Applications will be reviewed by the two SEAPRE Coordinators and the Steering Committee of the Research Coordination Network. Applicants will be informed by April 1, 2008 whether they have been selected.

# Application

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
Department \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor or SEAPRE Associate \_\_\_\_\_

For your proposal, please address the following topics in 4 pages or less:

1. Describe your past or current involvement in ecological research or conservation on islands with seabirds.
2. Describe your intentions for future ecological or conservation work on islands with seabirds.
3. What seabird islands or lab of a seabird island research group are you wishing to visit? With whom would you work there? With what projects would you be involved? How would your visit to those islands inform the work you are currently doing on your primary island or island group? What benefits would your participation bring to the host institution?
4. What dates would you plan to travel to the island(s) you are interested in visiting?

Please include with your application materials a budget for a maximum of \$2,500 following the restrictions outlined in the "Allowable Funding Requests" (see previous page), a letter of support from a colleague at the hosting research group, and two (2) reference letters including one from an advisor or colleague associated with the island system where you have worked, You may have these letters sent directly to the SEAPRE Coordinators.

Please send all materials electronically to **BOTH** of the SEAPRE Coordinators by **March 15, 2009**:

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