



The Howie Wier Conservation Awards

Up to \$2,500 for graduate conservation research in the Peninsular Range and Colorado Desert Regions

Anza-Borrego Institute (ABI), the education and research arm of Anza-Borrego Foundation, is pleased to announce a competitive grants program to assist graduate students conducting field studies in ecology, systematics, evolutionary biology, and conservation biology in the Colorado Desert and Peninsular Range region of southern California. Grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded annually to assist graduate students with travel, supplies, equipment and other costs associated with field work (refer to online guidelines for allowable costs). Funds will be provided upon the award of the grant.



Harold A. "Howie" Wier (1952-2001) was a native San Diegan and a lifelong naturalist. He worked as a biological consultant and conservation biologist throughout southern California. He was active in the California Native Plant Society, a past President of San Diego Audubon, and a long-time member of the Anza-Borrego Foundation. This grant program was established by ABI with the help of Howie's family, friends, and colleagues as a fitting tribute to Howie's interests and passion for preserving and understanding the remaining wild places of southern California.

Proposals will be evaluated for scholarly merit, project design and feasibility, and contribution to the future of conservation in the region.

Researchers must obtain all necessary permits for conducting their research.



Application guidelines are available on the Anza-Borrego Foundation website at www.theabf.org.

Proposals are due on **December 15, 2011 by 5 pm.**

Awards will be announced by January 22, 2012.

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