



# The Howie Wier Conservation Awards

Up to \$2,000 for graduate conservation research in the  
Peninsular Range and Colorado Desert Regions

The Anza-Borrego Institute (ABI), the education and research arm of the 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 \$2,000 will be awarded annually to assist graduate students with travel, supplies, equipment and other costs associated with field work.



*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. Preference will be given to projects lacking other support.

Researchers must obtain all necessary permits for conducting their research.



Application guidelines are available on the Anza-Borrego Foundation web site at [www.theabf.org](http://www.theabf.org).

Proposals are due on **January 6, 2010 by 5 pm.**

Awards will be announced by February 1, 2010.

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