



## HUYCK PRESERVE AND BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH STATION

### **Huyck Grant Overview and Application Instructions**

#### **Overview:**

The Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station awards four to five Huyck Grants each year to selected scientists and graduate students. Over the last several decades, more than \$250,000 in grants has been awarded to support graduate students and scientists who conduct their research at the Huyck Preserve. Many of their reports and publications are listed on our Web site. The Huyck Preserve is a non-profit, independent field station with no formal university affiliation, supported by members and endowments. Huyck Grant awards are distributed each year to regional, national, and international applicants.

Huyck Grants help fund research projects in a variety of disciplines that focus on natural systems of the Huyck Preserve. We support work in basic and applied ecology, conservation biology, taxonomy, animal behavior, evolution, geology, land use history, and other areas of natural science. The typical grant award is around \$2,000, but can be as much as \$3,500 for more established researchers and/or projects that involve extended residencies. Graduate students and post graduate investigators are eligible. The funds may be used for the purchase of equipment, travel, room and board, station fees, publication costs, and stipend for assistant/student researchers. Preference is given to proposals that involve residencies of one week or longer. Applicants are requested to present their work at an annual Science Symposium, and to participate in educational and outreach activities while they are in residence.

The biological research station was established at the Huyck Preserve in 1938. Beginning with early inventories and natural history studies, hundreds of scientists and graduate students have conducted research here - many returning for multiple years of study. Many have been attracted by our longstanding record of field research, which began with such luminaries as William Hamilton, Eugene Odum, and Donald Griffin. The Huyck Preserve is a 2,000-acre private natural area, located on the Helderberg Plateau in the towns of Rensselaerville and Berne, 30 miles southwest of Albany, New York. Habitats found on the Preserve include northeast hemlock and hardwood forests, conifer plantations, successional old fields, wetlands, streams, and two (100- and 10-acre) lakes. A habitat map of the Preserve was recently completed and is posted on the website under the Research tab. The Preserve is a secure site for short- and long-term studies, some of which have been maintained for several decades.

Housing facilities can accommodate as many as 30 researchers and students, and include recently renovated bedrooms, bathrooms, and kitchens. The Eldridge Research Center facility has wet land dry labs, meeting and conference space, plant and animal specimen collections, high speed internet access and offices for visiting researchers.

The Preserve has copies (digital and hardcopy) of all papers and reports submitted from work conducted here (both published and unpublished) available upon request. Upon submitting final reports, PIs may opt for immediate or delayed postings on our Web site. Dozens of peer-reviewed publications have resulted in the last ten years alone.

### **Huyck Grant Application Instructions:**

1. Completed Cover Sheet
2. An abstract of not more than 200 words.
3. A section describing the background and significance of the project.
4. A section stating the main objectives of the study.
5. A methods section, including project schedule.
6. If the PI has previously conducted research at the Preserve, please summarize the results briefly, and list any resulting publication(s).
7. A literature cited section.
8. A budget section with a detailed breakdown of the full project budget and for each category, amounts requested from the Huyck Preserve.
9. An up-to-date curriculum vitae.
10. Two letters of reference that comment specifically on the work propose in this application. These may be submitted with the proposal or sent directly by the referees

The deadline for proposals is this **Second Friday in March by 11:59pm EST**. Grant proposals and references should be sent by e-mail to [info@huyckpreserve.org](mailto:info@huyckpreserve.org), with “Applicant’s Last Name HUYCK GRANT APP” in the subject line. Proposals must be in MS Word or PDF format and include a completed Application Form. Receipt of proposals will be confirmed via e-mail. All proposals will be reviewed by our Scientific Advisory Committee and the results will be announced in about one month via e-mail. If you have any additional questions please feel free to e-mail the above address or telephone (518) 797-3440.