

## Bob Berry 2019 Scholarship Award Applications

The 2019 Bob Berry Scholarship awards will be given at the biennial meeting of WBWG, which convenes April 22-25, 2019 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The impetus behind the generous donations to this fund by members of the WBWG (including Dr. Patricia Brown-Berry) and the suppliers of bat research equipment, software and training is to perpetuate Bob's legacy of assisting other bat biologists. Bob used his engineering and computer skills to refine the tools used for bat-related field work, and to help people to understand the different and changing technologies. He worked best one-on-one and offered his expertise to many students and agency biologists until the time of his death in 2008. The goal of these awards is to facilitate research by providing current technology and training from the developers of the technology.

Proposal deadlines have been extended for the following award categories until April 5.

**The Bob Berry SonoBat and Binary Acoustic Technology Award:** SonoBat 4 West and a Binary Acoustic Technology mini MIC ultrasonic microphone, donated by Joe Szewczak and Mark and Kim Jensen.

**The Bob Berry Wildlife Acoustics Award:** An Echo Meter Touch and the Discover Bats! curriculum guide donated by Wildlife Acoustics.

**The Bob Berry Pettersson Elektronik and SonoBat Award 2:** a M500 USB Microphone + Batsound Touch Software + SonoBat 4 West donated by Lars Pettersson and Joe Szewczak

**Bob Berry Bat Survey Techniques Workshop Awards:** \$500 certificates towards registration at Bat Survey Solution's weeklong training workshop in AZ, NV or KY. Two award certificates available for students, faculty, or professionals. Donated by Bat Survey Solutions: <http://www.batsurveysolutions.com>

Proposals are now accepted for the Bob Berry Scholarship Fund, with awards to be announced at the WBWG biennial conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The deadline for proposal submission for the four categories list above will be **April 5, 2019**. You are not required to attend the WBWG meeting to be eligible for the award. Please limit proposals to 3 pages (including the information on the cover page at the bottom of this announcement) and submit electronically to both Dr. Patricia Brown at [patbobbat@aol.com](mailto:patbobbat@aol.com) and Brad Phillips at [bjphillips@fs.fed.us](mailto:bjphillips@fs.fed.us) with “Bob Berry Scholarship Fund proposal” as the subject. Receipt will be acknowledged. **An applicant may only apply in one award category.** A committee of six representatives of WBWG will judge the proposals based on the following criteria.

1. Demonstrates financial need (project could be compromised without this award)
2. Demonstrates urgency for project/research to be conducted.
3. Demonstrates a relevant conservation issue for **western** North American bats.
4. Demonstrates a sound scientific approach.
5. **Demonstrates a requirement for and understanding of the equipment by the applicant**

Applicant must outline a clear plan for how the equipment/money will be used (i.e. the level of funding and/or requested equipment is appropriate for this study).

Applicant must assure that results from this work will be distributed or made publicly available through publication/report.

Applicant must convey project objectives clearly, demonstrating a sound understanding of his/her proposed project.

Applicant must demonstrate the long-term benefits for bat conservation, specifically for western North American bats in the provinces or states (Canada, Mexico and the US) represented by the WBWG.

**Awardees will be expected to prepare a research report and poster or oral presentation for the 2021 WBWG meeting.**

**APPLICATION**

Project Title

Applicant Name

Affiliation

Mailing address

E-mail address

Phone number

Award category (circle **one**): **Holohil**      **Titely Electronics**      **Wildlife Acoustics**

**SonoBat/Binary Acoustic Technology**      **Bat Survey Techniques Workshop**

**Pettersson Electronics/Sonobat #1**      **Pettersson Electronics/Sonobat #2**

Please describe your proposed research, how this award will facilitate that research, your previous experience with bats, and how your research will continue to yield benefits for bat conservation in the Western United States.