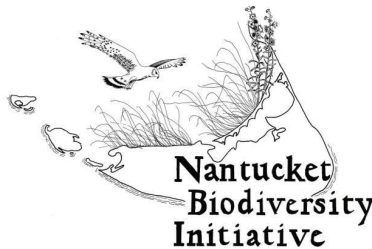


# Small Research Grants Program

## 2024 Request for Proposals

The Nantucket Biodiversity Initiative (NBI) annually funds projects that support biodiversity research on Nantucket Island, MA.

In 2024, NBI will provide support for **General Biodiversity Research**: projects that expand knowledge of understudied taxonomic groups and the overall biodiversity of Nantucket, Tuckernuck and/or Muskeget Islands.



### NBI Mission

NBI is a partnership between conservation organizations, educational institutions, government agencies and individuals interested in supporting and facilitating biodiversity focused research. Our mission is to conserve the native biodiversity of Nantucket through collaborative research, monitoring, and education.

Additional Information: <https://www.nantucketbiodiversity.org/research-grants-program/>

### General Biodiversity Research Grant Details:

**Grants will be awarded up to \$3500 for ONE Year.** Successful grants are typically between \$1000 - \$3000 and partial support may be awarded as the grant committee deems appropriate. Multi-year projects may apply to this opportunity, but funding is awarded on a yearly basis and with additional grant awards contingent upon submission of yearly reports and/or products related to previous years.

Highest priority will be given to:

- Projects that forward the mission of NBI;
- Projects that include Nantucket, Tuckernuck and/or Muskeget in regional, national or global research;
- Research or inventory work on understudied taxonomic groups;
- Research on more than one species of interest;
- Novel and interesting research not previously conducted on Nantucket.

### Grant Payment Schedule and Reporting Requirements:

Grant Awards will be distributed in two payments, the first payment (50%) upon receipt of the signed research contract; the second payment (50%) upon receipt of an acceptable final report, inventory data, photographs and voucher specimens (if applicable). Final project report is due by February 15, 2025. Extensions to the report deadline must be justified and requested at least one month prior.

Proposals **MUST** be submitted as a **single, PDF document** containing all required materials by **5:00 PM on Thursday February 22nd, 2024** to: [nantucketbiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:nantucketbiodiversity@gmail.com)

Successful grant applications will be notified by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to plan for the 2024 field season.

We encourage you to contact the research community on Nantucket regarding your proposed research and consult with local island experts. Additionally, we encourage you to contact land-owners for permission prior to submitting your application. Many of the non-profit groups have Research Agreement requirements. Contact information is available on the website link above.

**Questions?** Contact the Grants Committee Chair: Dr. Jen Karberg: [jkarberg@nantucketconservation.org](mailto:jkarberg@nantucketconservation.org)

The NBI strongly encourages successful grant applicants to prepare a poster or deliver an oral presentation of their research results (even if only preliminary) at the next NBI Research Conference, November, 2025 on Nantucket.

**Completed proposals must include ALL of the following as ONE pdf document**

- 1. Application Form (at the end of these instructions).**
- 2. Project Description (three pages or less, single spaced, 12 pt. font):**
  - A. Introduction and background to the project highlighting any previous work on Nantucket on the subject;
  - B. Goals and objectives of the proposed project specifically indicating how the project advances the mission of the NBI, the specific grant application category and biodiversity knowledge;
  - C. Detailed methods for the entire project;
  - D. A project timeline;
  - E. Expected outcomes and products (e.g., publications, geo-referenced specimen/occurrence data, web pages, keys, checklists, etc.). \*

\*For projects that will generate voucher specimens: NBI requires that vouchers be deposited at Maria Mitchell Association to serve as an on-island resource; duplicate vouchers may be deposited at other appropriate institutions.

- 3. Itemized and justified Budget:**

Indicate any assured or anticipated matching funds (actual dollars or in-kind), including in-kind services provided by all professionals, students and technical assistants.

NBI partner organizations *may* be able to provide in-kind logistical support such as transportation to field sites, lab space, field equipment, etc. upon request. If your proposal is contingent upon significant support from on island researchers, we require you to secure promises of support prior to submitting your application. (See helpful information at the end of these instructions).

**NBI policy does not permit use of grant funds for the payment of indirect expenses, per diem expense allowances, food costs, overhead, etc. However, these expenses can be included as in-kind services, as described above. If you have any specific questions about eligible and ineligible budget items, please contact us for feedback prior to proposal submission.**

- 4. Literature Cited/References**
- 5. Supporting Materials (CV, publication list) and Appendices (maps, tables, graphs, etc.) if relevant.**

## Considerations when preparing your Application:

We encourage you to contact the research community on Nantucket regarding your proposed research and consult with local island experts. Additionally, we encourage you to contact land-owners for permission prior to submitting your application. Many of the non-profit groups have Research Agreement requirements. Contact information available on the NBI Website: <https://www.nantucketbiodiversity.org/research-grants-program/>. You are also responsible for obtaining all necessary local, state and/or federal permits for the specific activities that you will be undertaking, if applicable.

**Travel expenses:** from the mainland (Hyannis, MA) to Nantucket are eligible for grant funding at the following standard rates (Please note that these fares are subject to change):

Travel to Nantucket (including links to ferries and airlines): <http://www.nantucket-ma.gov/776/Getting-To-Nantucket>

**Ferry – walk on Fares:** \$39.50 roundtrip Steamship Traditional car Ferry, \$81 round-trip on the Steamship and Hyline High-speed Ferry.

**Steamship Vehicle Ferry:** \$492-\$542 \* please note that reservations sell out in early spring for most trips.

Hyannis Transportation Center Information (including bus service and parking options):  
<http://www.capecodtransit.org/htc-functions.htm>

**Parking in Hyannis at the Transportation Center – Long term parking**

(June 15 – Sept. 14): \$15 per night

(April 1 – June 14; Sept. 15 – Dec. 14): \$10 per night

(Dec. 15 – March 31): \$5 per night

**Vehicle Mileage:** \$0.56 per mile (max. \$500)

Other reasonable travel expenses such as airfare will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Housing:** affordable overnight accommodations on Nantucket are extremely limited, especially during the summer field season. **If you intend to include housing costs in your budget, please research and confirm the 2024 cost and availability (as much as possible).**

**Affordable Housing Options:** The University of Massachusetts Nantucket Field Station dorm-style lodging. Please email Yvonne Vaillancourt (Field Station Director) for further information on facility usage, general availability and instruction on how to submit a lodging request: [Yvonne.Vaillancourt@umb.edu](mailto:Yvonne.Vaillancourt@umb.edu)

### Other housing options include:

AirBnB and/or VRBO

Nantucket Accommodations: <https://nantucket.net/lodging/>

Please keep in mind, camping is prohibited on Nantucket Island.

If you have planned for housing through another organization or privately, please indicate this in your proposal.

### Nantucket Biodiversity Initiative Partner Organizations:

*Linda Loring Nature Foundation, Maria Mitchell Association, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Nantucket Conservation Foundation, Nantucket Islands Land Bank Commission, Nantucket Land and Water Council, Nantucket Memorial Airport, Nantucket Walkabout, The Trustees of Reservations, Tuckernuck Land Trust, Town of Nantucket Department of Natural Resources, and UMass Boston Nantucket Field Station.*



## Research Grants Program 2024 Application

### Principle Investigator (P.I.)

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First

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Title

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Institution/Affiliation

Click here to enter text.

Email

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Phone Number

Previously applied for funding from NBI: Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes, When and Past Project Title Click here to enter text.

### Proposed Research Project Information

Click here to enter text.

Title of Project

Does your project require state, federal or local permits?

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Yes

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No

If yes, which permits? Click here to enter text.

Total Amount Requested from NBI: Click here to enter text.

Include itemized budget and justification the Application Instructions.

Do you require housing on-island during your research project? Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'Yes', have you examined/secured housing options on Nantucket? Please briefly explain your plan for housing: Click here to enter text.

Have you contacted local landowners for permission to conduct research on their properties? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes", who have you contacted? Click here to enter text.

Does your project require other state, local or federal permits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes", which ones and have you obtained them? All required permits must be presented to NBI prior to starting research work. Click here to enter text.

Attach a complete Project Description which must follow the Application Instructions to guarantee consideration.

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