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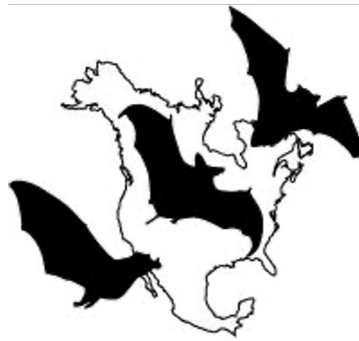
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Student Selection Info Session

27th & 28th November 2023



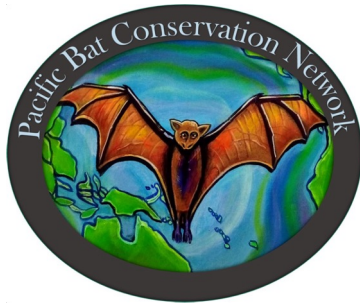
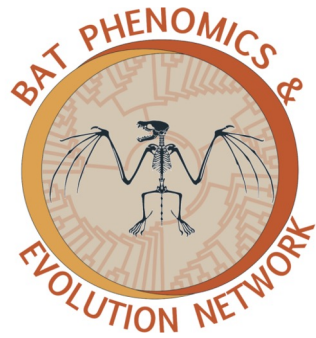
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What is GBatNet?





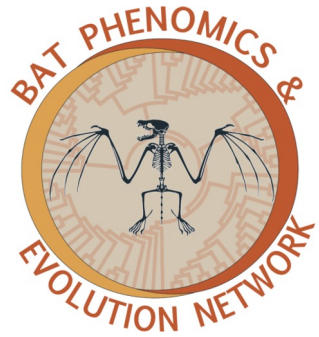
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Shared Vision: Sustainable bat diversity in a changing world



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Accelerating Research through International Network-to-Network Collaborations (AccelNet)



To accelerate the process of **scientific discovery and prepare the next generation** of U.S. researchers for **multiteam international collaborations**.

Supports strategic linkages among U.S. research networks and complementary networks abroad that will leverage research and educational resources to **tackle grand research challenges** that **require significant coordinated international efforts**.

The program seeks to foster high-impact science and engineering by providing opportunities to **cooperatively identify and coordinate efforts** to address knowledge gaps and research needs.



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Who are we looking for?

- GBatNet vision: Sustainable bat diversity in a changing world
- Students are a **key part** of fulfilling this vision – we aim to train the next generation of global leaders in research and conservation
- Committed to **broadening participation** in STEM both in the US and abroad
- We encourage application by students from any under-represented and under-served groups



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Activities

- Receive technical training, professional development, and mentoring
- Work in multinational interdisciplinary student research teams to design, develop, and conduct research that supports broader GBatNet goals
- Assist with GBatNet ad-hoc projects (e.g. sourcing and managing data, literature reviews, analysis, conference and meeting management)
- Public outreach and science communication



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Eligibility

- Enrolled in a graduate program and with a long-term goal of a career in science.
- Fluent in English
- Able to commit to participate for at least two years.
 - Note: students can continue to participate after graduation.



Eligibility

- Advisor-student commitment letter (template in .pdf and .doc on website)
- We may contact your advisor for a more detailed recommendation letter (accompanied by specific evaluative questions) if the student passes the first stage of evaluation

Background about GBatNet

GBatNet brings together 16 existing bat diversity networks from across the world with the shared vision of sustainable bat diversity in a changing world. We are looking for the next generation of global leaders in research and conservation to participate in GBatNet activities over the next five years and would like to include a plurality of voices and viewpoints.

Specifically students will:

1. Receive technical training, professional development, and mentoring opportunities to ensure success of activities listed below.
2. Work in multinational interdisciplinary student research teams to design, develop and conduct research that supports broader GBatNet goals. (~40%)
3. Assist with GBatNet ad hoc research projects e.g. sourcing and managing data, literature reviews, analysis, conference and meeting management (e.g. IBRC, SEABCO regional meeting) (~30% time)
4. Implement outreach and communication — (~30% time)
 - e.g. Share research of GBatNet with other scientists through blogs, twitter and other social media, populate and help maintain website
 - e.g. Share research of GBatNet with the general public

Our goal through these activities is to develop students able to participate in and ultimately lead multidisciplinary international research teams. All activities are funded (travel to GBatNet meetings, research projects), but there are no student stipends.

Participation in GBatNet will benefit the student, their advisor, and their research by:

- Aligning with their dissertation research progress and career goals
- Providing additional networking opportunities to global leaders and researchers
- Receiving mentoring from GBatNet scientists, who will liaise with their primary advisor
- Providing access to additional training materials and workshops

The minimum time commitment required is 18 hours per month of contribution to GBatNet activities and community interaction, with higher hourly commitments necessary during months when international conferences will occur. The GBatNet student experience is meant to complement a student's growth and progression in their doctoral program, not replace it. The level of participation from each student may vary based on personal choices and circumstances, and the possibilities for growth in the role are limitless.

I, _____, am the advisor of _____ and am confirming my support for my student's application to GBatNet. I am aware of and acknowledge the time commitment that participation in GBatNet activities will entail for my student. I am aware that my student's engagement in GBatNet activities is intended to complement and advance, not compete, with their dissertation research.

Signature Date

Advisor Email: _____

Sign here



Application

- 8 questions (all on the Student Selection page on the website)
 - Ideal answers and/or examples for each are listed under each question
 - 250 to 500 word limit
- Why are we using this type of application?
 - Moves away from types of evaluations that often confers bias towards those from wealthier backgrounds
 - Responses will help us find students who share in our values of **collaborative work** and demonstrate that they can be **future leaders with a vision** for a more sustainable world for bats



Application

- Application portal is open
- Deadline:
January 15, 2024

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1. Personal Information & Eligibility

Personal Information

First Name *

Last Name *



Evaluation

- Each question will be graded as 1 (Fair), 2 (Good), or 3 (Excellent)
- Tally scores, sort into Highly Recommend, Recommend, and Do Not Recommend categories
- If you are currently not affiliated with a member network, this will not confer bias in evaluation
- Demographic questions are optional and do not impact evaluation, but it help us ensure a plurality of voices and viewpoints will be included in GBatNet



Other questions?

- Your first source of information should be from the Student Selection informational page on the GBatNet website
 - <https://www.gbatnet.org/2023/11/15/gbatnet-student-selection-round-2-2024/>
 - Navigate to the page either from Home page or under Projects page
- Check out other past and ongoing GBatNet activities and events to get ideas for how you may want to engage with us
- If it is still not addressed, then please email me stsang@amnh.org (and CC globalbatnet@gmail.com)
- Or DM me on Facebook or Twitter @batgirl_susan