Student Selection Info Session

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What is GBatNet?
Shared Vision: Sustainable bat diversity in a changing world
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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.
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
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
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
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
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
  • 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](mailto:stsang@amnh.org) (and CC [globalbatnet@gmail.com](mailto:globalbatnet@gmail.com))

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