

## To all PhD candidates in EEB, F&ES, G&G, EPH and Anthropology

The Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies' Center for Field Ecology announces its annual pilot research grant program. These small grants are intended to help early career PhD students gather the pilot data required to justify more substantial external funding. For this reason, grants are intended primarily for students in their first or second year of graduate studies.



The Center for Field Ecology defines “field ecology” broadly; however, projects must be field based and include ecological components. Research that meets these criteria may be based in or draw from behavior, ecology, evolution, epidemiology, paleontology, and related fields. Please see the CFE web site for examples of previously funded research (<http://www.yale.edu/cfe/CFEgrantgrants.html>).



The deadline is **March 30th 2009** and the maximum award for the 2009 competition is **\$2000**.

**Cover Letter:** Please submit with your proposal a cover letter that includes: Your name, contact information (campus address, email, phone), your department, and your year as graduate student (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.)

**Project Proposal:** 2 pages, single spaced (not including citations). Format: Project description with intellectual justification, items requested and budget, budget justification.

Budget items may include travel, conferences, equipment, materials, supplies, and other similar items. Salary is not allowed.

**Letter of support:** At least one letter of support from a faculty member is needed. In that letter the faculty member should address the potential of the proposed research and the graduate student.

**Procedure:** The Director and Assistant Director of the Center will gather the proposals and convene a committee to judge them. Proposals and letters should be submitted as email attachments to [david.post@yale.edu](mailto:david.post@yale.edu) with the remark "CFEproposal - YOUR NAME" in the subject line. Please append the cover letter and project proposal as a single PDF file with the file name: “CFEproposal - YOUR NAME.” The letter of support can be included in the PDF or sent as a separate letter.