



## 2019 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Arthur A. Seeligson, Jr. Conservation Fund (SCF) was established to promote and enable conservation of native Texas wildlife through partnerships among scientists, educators, organizations and private landowners committed to conserving the biodiversity of Texas. In 2019, the SCF is seeking proposals that meet the following objectives:

- Projects that are collaborative; partners can include universities, governmental and non-governmental organizations, zoological institutions and private landowners
- Projects that directly contribute to the conservation of native Texas species and habitats
- Projects that are part of an established conservation program or are well-suited to become long-term conservation programs
- Projects that are conducted in Texas

### Criteria that will be used to evaluate proposals:

- The project has multi-institutional participation and additional funding support; **projects that build partnerships with private landowners are highly desired**
- The project builds on previous work contributing to an established conservation program or is well-suited to become/contribute to a long-term conservation program
- The project is grounded in sound scientific methodology, is logistically feasible and has a high probability of success
- The project has conservation value and a measurable impact
- The project has a total award request of \$5,000 or less

### Additional requirements:

- Projects that require the principal investigator to obtain approval from their Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) must provide a copy of the authorization
- The principal investigator must provide a letter of support from each partnering institution and/or private landowner
- Private foundations or individuals must be partnered with a public charity to qualify for funding or a Code Section 501(c)(3) organization seeking to conduct a project must be classified as a public charity and not a private foundation

**Timeline:**      **Proposal due date: July 5, 2019**  
                         **Award distribution: September/October 2019**

For more information visit the Fort Worth Zoo website at <http://www.fortworthzoo.org> or contact Jennifer Elston, Ph.D., Curator of Conservation and Behavior at [jelston@fortworthzoo.org](mailto:jelston@fortworthzoo.org).

# SCF APPLICATION PROCESS AND PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

**Applicants must include the following components and adhere to the guidelines to be considered.**

## 1. APPLICATION FORM

## 2. PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

The following information must be included. This section should not exceed five pages.

- **Introduction** - Clearly state the purpose of the project. Provide sufficient background information to enable reviewers to understand the significance of the project and why the funds are being requested. Include overall goals and specific objectives.
- **Methods** - Describe how the project will be conducted. Include information on data collection techniques, data analysis, and how the information gained will be utilized and disseminated once the project is completed.
- **Projected Outcomes and Anticipated Conservation Impact** - Describe how the results will be applied toward the conservation of the species and/or habitat. Include how the success of the project will be evaluated. If the proposed project is part of on-going effort, describe how the proposed activities support the long-term conservation goals.
- **Project Schedule** - Provide a timetable (expected beginning and completion dates) for the major project components.

## 3. PROJECT BUDGET

- **Requests should not exceed \$5,000**
- Itemize expenses into the following categories: Personnel, Travel, Equipment and Supplies, Other
- List sources of additional funding
- The SCF does not support administrative overhead costs

## 4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Submit a CV (maximum of 2 pages) for each PI
- Submit a letter of support from each partnering institution and/or private landowner
- Where appropriate, provide a copy of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval

The deadline to submit proposals is **July 5, 2019**.

Submit materials to: Jennifer Elston, Ph.D., Curator of Conservation and Behavior, Fort Worth Zoo, 1989 Colonial Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76110. E-mail: [jelston@fortworthzoo.org](mailto:jelston@fortworthzoo.org).

**Electronic submissions are preferred.**