John W. Wells Grants-in-Aid of Research Program

The Paleontological Research Institution (PRI) invites applications from undergraduate students, graduate students, and post-doctoral researchers for the 2024 John W. Wells Grants-in-Aid of Research Program to support collections-based research in any field of paleontology. The program awards grants of up to $500 to visit PRI’s collections.

This grant honors John W. Wells (1907 – 1994), past President of the PRI Board of Trustees, a long-time geology faculty member at Cornell University, and one of the world’s leading authorities on fossil and living corals.

PRI houses one of the largest collections of invertebrate fossils in North America, with particular strengths in Cenozoic mollusks from the Western Hemisphere, and marine invertebrates of the northeastern U.S., especially the Devonian of central New York.

Applications should include a brief (one-page) description of the research project, a budget justification, and a letter of recommendation.

Application deadline is May 3, 2024.

Please e-mail your application material or any questions to Dr. Gregory P. Dietl, Curator of Cenozoic Invertebrates at gpd3@cornell.edu.