

## **“A. Stanley Rand Fellowship”**

The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute is honored to announce the “A. *Stanley Rand Fellowship*,” which was recently established by the Smithsonian Institution’s Board of Regents. The A. Stanley Rand Endowment was built through many generous donations from Stan’s friends, family members, former students and fellow colleagues at STRI. The endowment will fund short term (3-4 month) fellowships at STRI, with preference given to research areas that were of interest to Stan.

This new fellowship program recognizes Stan’s efforts to foster and promote the careers of young biologists, especially those from Latin America, and his belief in the importance of tropical research. Stanley played a monumental role in mentoring countless young students in evolutionary and ecological studies of the behavior of reptiles and amphibians.

Awards will support independent research projects, and include round-trip airfare to Panama, up to \$2,000 for research expenses, and a stipend for living expenses. Proposals can be in all areas represented by STRI scientists and research associates, but preference will be given to research focused on animal behavior and natural history, evolutionary biology, plant and animal ecology and environmental monitoring.

Candidates will be selected by the Academic Board during their quarterly meetings. Deadlines for submission are the 15th of February, May, August and November. Applicants will be notified 6 to 8 weeks after the submission deadline.

For additional information about this program, or to contribute to the Endowment, contact

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