

Kuczaj Memorial Travel Grant

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Applications are currently being accepted for the 2026 Kuczaj Memorial Travel Grant, which is given to students attending the Conference on Comparative Cognition (CO3). The grant is administered in memory of Dr. Stan Kuczaj, who was a leader in the study of comparative animal cognition, particularly within marine mammals. Stan believed in pursuing challenging topics in human and animal cognition with rigor, candor, and the spirit of intellectual adventure. The Kuczaj Memorial Travel Grant is granted with the goal of preserving and promoting Stan's interests and beliefs in scientific pursuit.

The grants are intended to travel to the 2026 conference and are for graduate students who are currently in the process of conducting their thesis research.

Applicants for the 2026 Kuczaj Memorial Travel Grant must: 1) be enrolled in a graduate program at the time of the application and provide evidence of enrollment, 2) have an abstract accepted for presentation at the Conference on Comparative Cognition, and 3) submit a long abstract with additional information about the project and findings (expected findings). The Kuczaj Memorial Travel Grant is determined through a competitive ranking process based upon the quality of the abstracts submitted.

For the current application cycle, grants are for \$500 to be applied toward travel to CO3. Two grants will be awarded and grantees will be selected and notified of the award by March 15, 2026. Applications must be submitted to Dr. Heather Hill (hhill1@stmarytx.edu) no later than February 28, 2026.