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# BCI Student Research Scholarships for 2007

Most of the more than 1,100 species of bats have been scarcely studied. Their ecosystem roles, economic values and conservation needs remain largely unknown, greatly impeding conservation efforts. Since 1990, Bat Conservation International has addressed this lack of knowledge by supporting student research projects throughout the United States and around the world through its Student Research Scholarships. We have awarded a total of \$428,348 to help 198 students conduct research relevant to bat conservation in 49 countries.

Each year, BCI awards 10 to 15 scholarships. Most awards are for \$2,500, but some may be as high as \$5,000. Projects should be focused on the roles bats play in providing ecosystem services (such as pollination, seed dispersal, pest control or maintenance of biodiversity) and/or on habitat requirements that are critical to conservation.

These scholarships are competitive and research proposals will be evaluated by a distinguished international panel of peer reviewers. The deadline for applications is Dec. 15, 2006. For more information or to apply, visit BCI's website at: [www.batcon.org/bcigrants/scholarintro.asp](http://www.batcon.org/bcigrants/scholarintro.asp) or contact Bob Locke at [grants@batcon.org](mailto:grants@batcon.org).

## Examples of Previous BCI Scholarships

**Adriana Bravo, Louisiana State University (Peru)**  
Frugivorous bats that visit clay licks in a Neotropical Rainforest: Implications for seed dispersal and plant community structure

**Sandra Peters, University of Toronto (Brazil)**  
Effects of different disturbance types on bat roosting patterns and community structure in eastern Amazonia

**Miguel Munguia-Rosas, Instituto de Ecología (Mexico)**  
Effects of bat pollinators' availability on the reproductive success, progeny performance, and genetic variability of a Mesoamerican columnar cactus

**Tony Wood, University of Bristol (Malaysia)**  
Effect of human land-use on bat diversity and activity in peninsular Malaysia