



THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT  
**GRADUATE COLLEGE**

## **Dr. Roberto Fabri Fialho Research Award**

An award of \$2,000 will be given annually to a University of Vermont (UVM) doctoral student from any department in support of their research in areas related to ecology, evolution, population genetics, or animal behavior. **Applications are due by 4:30 pm on March 1, 2024.** The funds are awarded in memory of Roberto Fabri Fialho, Ph.D., Biology.

Dr. Fialho was born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In 1989 he arrived at UVM to pursue his graduate education in Biology. He received his M.S. degree in 1993 and completed his Ph.D. just weeks before his untimely death in 1999, following an extended struggle with cancer. Despite his illness, Rob was an active member of the Biology Department; a creative and brilliant scholar and scientist; an admired teacher of UVM undergraduates, and a much-loved friend to many. The goals of this award are to support the research of outstanding graduate students in the disciplines loved by Dr. Fialho, and to keep his memory alive at UVM.

**Recipients of the Fialho Research Award must use the funds for expenses incurred directly related to their research. Examples of acceptable expenses are:**

- **Travel for fieldwork or to present research**
- **Conference fees**
- **Publication expenses**
- **Computing fees**
- **Summer salary**
- **Supplies**

**The funds must be spent within one year of the award. Recipients are expected to provide the Dean of the Graduate College with a written report of the impact of the funding on the student's dissertation research (1-2 pages) and a brief final expense account.**

Selection of the award recipient will be made by a UVM faculty panel convened for this purpose by the Dean of the Graduate College.

The Roberto Fabri Fialho Research Award is made available through the generosity of Michael D. Upton, M.D. (College of Medicine '94) and friends and family of Roberto Fialho.

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## Cover Form

**Applications are due by 4:30 pm on March 1, 2024**

Student name (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph.D. Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Advisor (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Entered Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of Ph.D. degree completion (month and year): \_\_\_\_\_

The Roberto Fabri Fialho Research Award is provided to a graduate student at UVM pursuing a Ph.D. with active research in the areas of ecology, evolution, population genetics, or animal behavior. Please note that applicants must have completed their comprehensive exam. The goals of this award are to support the research of outstanding graduate students in the disciplines loved by Dr. Fialho and to keep his memory alive at UVM.

**Applicants must submit the following items combined – in this order – in a single .pdf attached to an email to: [Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu](mailto:Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu) . Subject line: “Fialho Application”**

1. This completed application cover form
2. Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages)
3. A one-page description (not including references) of the dissertation project, including the relationship of the project to ecology, evolution, population genetics, or animal behavior.
4. A proposed budget.
5. A short description of how the funds will enhance the student’s research and scholarship.

Separately, the Dissertation Advisor must send a brief letter (max. 2 pages) addressing the student’s academic standing, scholarship, and teaching to : [Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu](mailto:Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu) – **Subject line: “Fialho Application: [student name]”**

In addition to these materials, the Graduate College will provide a copy of the applicant’s graduate transcript to the faculty review committee.