

Grants News September 2023



Putting a face to a name: This is me, Kate Lessells, the ASAB Grants Secretary, at the 'Behaviour 2023' conference in Bielefeld, Germany a few weeks back. I had a great time talking to previous, current, and - hopefully - future ASAB grant awardees. I attend most ASAB conferences, so do come and have a chat about your grants-related questions, feedback and suggestions - or just to say Hello! If you're at an ASAB conference. In the meantime, you can contact me on issues related to ASAB grants at klessells.science@gmail.com

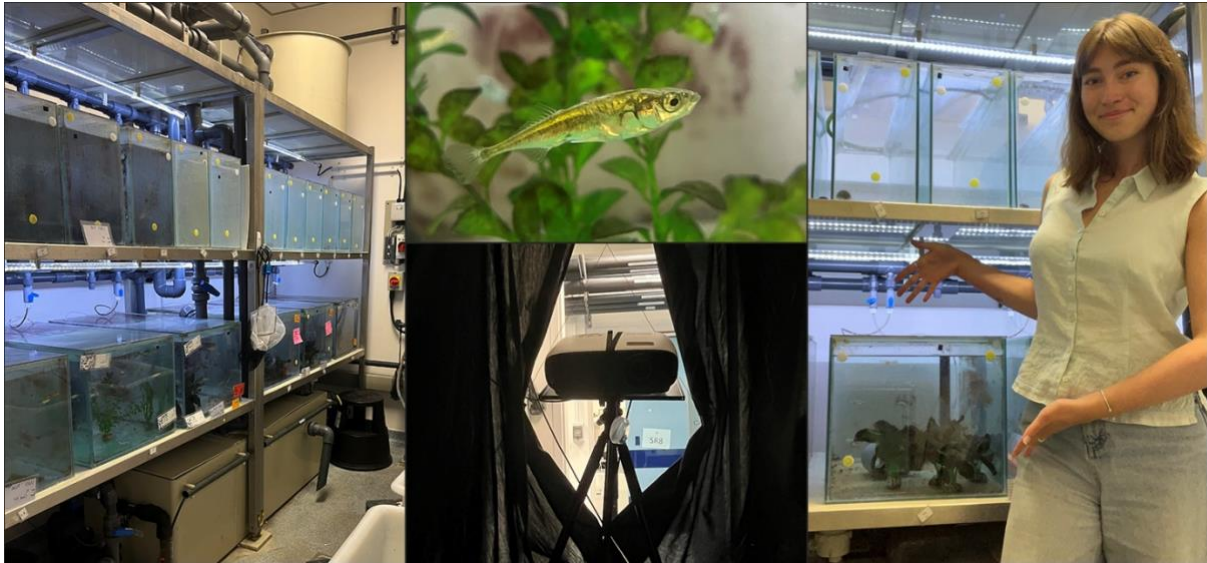
The next Grants application deadlines are:

1st October 2023 for [Research Grants](#) and [Undergraduate Project Scholarships](#)

1st October 2023 for [Conference Attendance](#), [Childcare](#) and [Accessibility Grants](#) for the **ASAB Winter 2023** conference to be held in Edinburgh, UK (13th-14th December) – please note that the deadline is already passed for the upper tranche of 'Developing Country' Conference Attendance Grants for this conference. Applicants from developing countries applying for smaller amounts (£500 or less), may apply in this round. Please also note that registration for attendance in person at this conference has now been closed.

1st December 2023 for [Conference Attendance Grants](#) for the **ASAB Spring 2024** conference in Exeter, UK (23rd-25th April, 2024). This is an **early round** for 'Developing Country' applicants applying for more than £500 or any applicants requiring an early decision (eg to facilitate a visa application).

Grants awarded in the February 2023 application round



Daisy Johnston-Barrett, a third year Biology undergraduate at the University of Bristol (and now continuing on the MSci programme), was awarded an ASAB Undergraduate Project Scholarship in February 2023 to investigate how saltatory movement of prey affects the risk of predation. (Photos © Daisy Johnston-Barrett)

Research Grants: 9 applications were received and 3 grants were awarded.

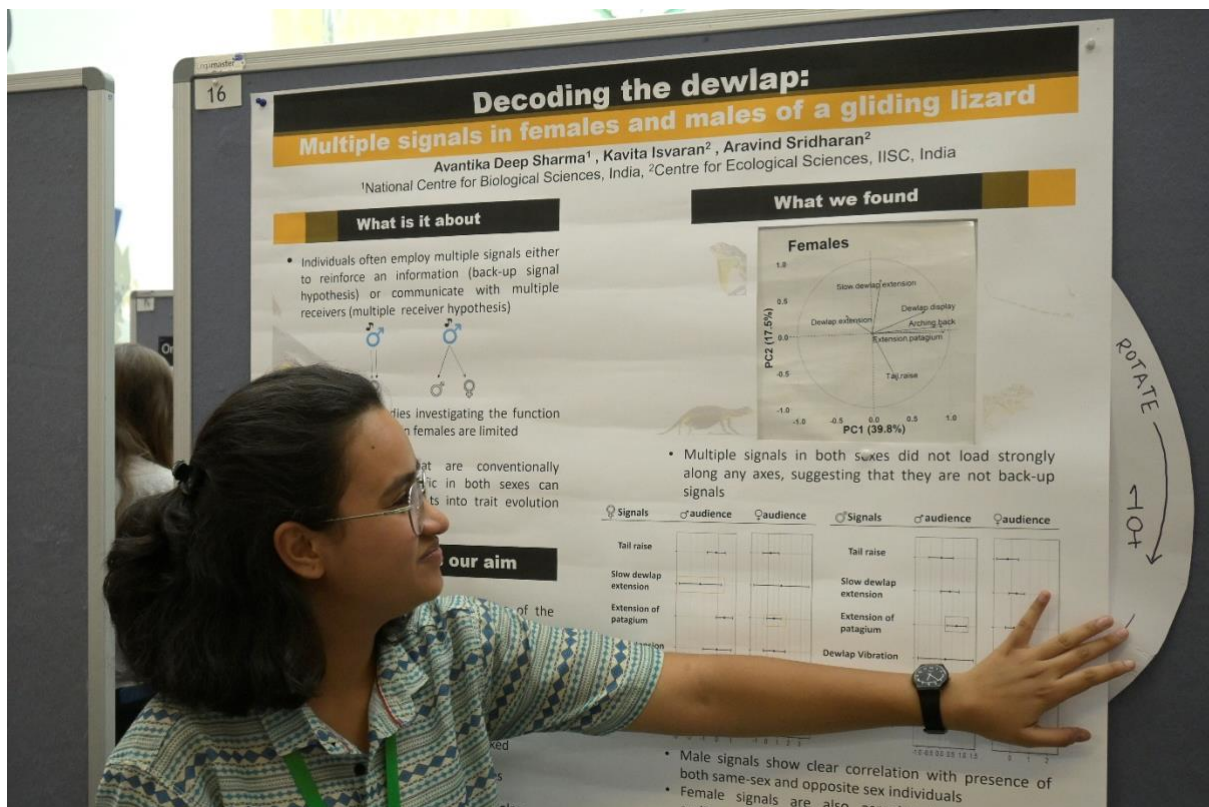
- **Javier Abalos** (University of Lund, Sweden): *Is there a trade-off between quality signalling and social recognition? An experimental test in wall lizards.* £ 6,955
- **Nicolas Adreani** (Max Planck Institute for Biological Intelligence, Germany): *HORNERO: Citizen Science and nest building behaviour in a neotropical ovenbird.* £ 8,994
- **Luigi Baciadonna** (CNRS - University Paul Sabatier – Toulouse, France): *Impact of emotions on attentional processing of hierarchical compound visual stimuli in honey bees.* £ 9,600

Undergraduate Project Scholarships: 7 eligible applications were received and 4 grants awarded.

- **Daisy Cooper** (University of Cambridge, UK): *Nocturnal and diurnal audience effects on social interactions in a cooperatively breeding fish.* £ 4,200
- **Daisy Johnston-Barrett** (University of Bristol, UK): *How saltatory movement of prey affects the risk of predation.* £ 4,200
- **Bethan Lygo** (Swansea University, UK): *Identifying copulation events from accelerometer data in wild chacma baboons.* £ 4,200
- **WONG Ching Ki** (City University of Hong Kong, China): *Hong Kong buffalo: how dominance hierarchy affects wallowing behavior.* £ 4,200

Conference Attendance Grants, Accessibility Grants and Childcare Grants awarded in the February 2023 round were reported in the ASAB Summer 2023 Newsletter.

Grants awarded in the June 2023 application round



Avantika Deep Sharma was awarded an ASAB Conference Attendance Grant in April 2023 to present her work 'Decoding the dewlap: multiple signals in females and males of a gliding lizard' at the Behaviour 2023 conference held in Bielefeld in August 2023. The work was part of her MSc work carried out at The National Centre for Biological Sciences, India. The ASAB Conference Attendance Grant came at an important time for her when she is proceeding to pursue a PhD in animal behaviour.

Research Grants: 9 applications were received and 2 grants were awarded.

- **Martin How** (University of Bristol, UK): *To bubble or not to bubble: Quantitative advantages of closed-circuit rebreathers for behavioural studies of marine organisms.* £ 7,026
- **Andrea Sommese** (Eotvos University of Budapest, Hungary): *Mobile eye tracking in dogs.* £9,910

Undergraduate Project Scholarships: No eligible applications were received.

Conference Attendance Grants: A total of 69 eligible applications (spread between an early round in April and the standard June round) were received for the Behaviour 2023 conference in Bielefeld, Germany and all were awarded. The total amount awarded was **£35,755**, including £2200 to a Developing Country applicant. The awarded applications came from the following countries: UK (26); Australia (8); Austria (7); Spain (5); Czech Republic, Germany, India (4 each); Switzerland, Italy, the Netherlands (2 each); and Denmark, France, Hungary, Israel and Poland (1 each).

Accessibility Grants: These grants contribute to additional attendance costs created by individual needs including - but not limited to - disability or medical needs for ASAB members attending ASAB conferences. No applications were received.

Childcare Grants: 4 eligible applications were received and all were awarded. The total amount awarded was **£1758**.

And finally, a top tip for ASAB grant applicants ...

It's a great idea to get feedback on your ASAB grant application from your supervisor or a colleague, but ... if you are submitting an edited version of the copy on which they made comments and tracked changes, be sure to **delete the comments** and **either accept or reject any tracked changes**. If you merely hide these, they may reappear when the file opened on another computer (for example the Grant Secretary's laptop). This is not a good way to impress whoever is assessing your grant application 😊