



2025 Research Grant Program

December 6, 2024

Our society is offering three research grants in 2025. The first two, Smithers Grant A and B, will be in the amount of \$50,000- each. The third grant, Smithers Grant C will be in the amount of \$10,000-.

Smithers Grants A and B will be available for scientific research concerning mountain goats (*Oreamnos Americanus*). The research must take place within British Columbia (B.C.). The two grants may be combined for the right project or may be awarded separately. We will consider all applications, but we have initial preferences:

- Innovation and results that can be replicated
- Located in Region 6 of B.C.
- Based on field work and/or new technology
- Supervised by B.C. college or university staff
- Non-invasive
- Matched funding from third party if possible

The final report for the project should be available to the public at no cost. We will accept applications by email to mtgoats@bcnorth.ca The initial application should be one page explaining the qualifications of the proponent, time and money budgets and the project goal. There is no deadline for applications. We will award the grants when and if projects are approved by our directors. Projects in the field will need to be approved by provincial authorities.

Sample ideas for grant projects:

- Locating and evaluating mountain goat winter homes in a heli skiing tenure
- Measuring effect of wind farm turbines on mountain goats

- Passive deployment of GPS tracking device on mountain goats
- Passive marking of mountain goats for monitoring

The Smithers Grant C is available to the Province of B.C. to cover helicopter costs for one or more aerial population surveys for mountain goats in Region 6 that use our Smithers Method.

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We can provide tech support to the survey staff at no cost. Provincial staff will be responsible for choosing the surveyed area, operating the flight and analysis of the data. Our society will have access to all data under a confidentiality agreement.

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