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## **BAY AREA FOUNDATION CELEBRATES, SUPPORTS SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION** *Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation commits \$500,000 to field biologists' work*

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Today the Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation celebrates its fifth group of Awards in Field Biology, which provide support for scientists working at critical moments in time to explore, test and help the world as we face both great challenges and opportunities.

Each scientist will receive \$100,000 in unrestricted funds supporting their individual work, elevating their diverse perspectives and enabling them to commit time to observation and experimentation that helps us better understand ourselves and the world around us.

- **Adriana Corrales** has discovered how tropical forests dominated by one or just a small number of tree species are thriving as a result of symbiotic relationships with underground fungi.
- **Charley Eiseman** has discovered new insect species and worked out the life histories of other species that were previously partially or completely unknown.
- **Flavia Montaña-Centellas** conducts field work in the biodiverse, understudied mountains of Bolivia, and her behavioral observations and species interaction surveys help us better understand biodiversity across environmental gradients.
- **Timothy J. Colston** is an evolutionary biologist who has named a dozen new lizard, snake and frog species and whose work is leading to breakthroughs in our understanding of interactions between environments, microbes and diversification of host species.
- **Zhengyang Wang** is a conservation biologist whose research focuses on insects and their interactions with humans — including how climate change may affect both biological diversity and human livelihood.

Launched in 2020, the awards provide scientists with funding, attention and support at critical junctures in their careers so they can focus on mastery and creativity, elevate often underrepresented perspectives to problem-solving, and promote progress in the biological sciences through individual research focused on our natural world.

Nominators confidentially identified scientists for the awards and a committee selected winners based on impact in the field, originality and the momentum an award could provide at a critical career point.

Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation powers people who explore and ask, teach and try, conserve and connect, create and captivate. Our funding supports individual scientists, teachers, conservationists and creators whose diverse perspectives enable us to discover new things about ourselves and our world. Learn more about our partners and work at [www.Maxwell-Hanrahan.org](http://www.Maxwell-Hanrahan.org).

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