

About MorphoBank



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- Sustained Availability of Biological Infrastructure Award ([DBI-2049965](#)) from the National Science Foundation (NSF) (PI: Tanya Berardini, Phoenix Bioinformatics) for making a complete transition to independent sustainable funding and code maintenance
- Geoinformatics ([EAR-2148768](#)) from the NSF (PI: Tanya Berardini, Phoenix Bioinformatics) to overhaul MorphoBank's source code to replace the 20+ year old codebase with more modern, easier to maintain and expand architecture and add new and improved features.
- Membership fees from academic institutions and museums around the world

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