



WHITLEY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST AWARD SCHEME GUIDELINES

Each year, the Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust awards a number of grants to individuals who are either undertaking nature conservation research or who are taking part in some kind of educational experience relating to a conservation project. The Trust awards grants to both UK and overseas projects, and generally prefers to award a larger number of smaller grants (under £1,000) rather than fewer large grants. Generally, the Trustees favour applications from students or younger people who are embarking on a research project or educational experience and do not have access to sufficient funds.

Applications are considered biannually (in May and November) at a meeting of the Awards Committee and all applicants are subsequently advised on the outcome of their application whether they have been successful or not.

There are four steps to the application process:

1. Check your eligibility for funding

The Awards are open to all, and each application is judged on its own merits, however there are a number of topics that the Awards Committee are particularly interested in, which are detailed below:

- Research into the ecology of rare and threatened species and habitats.
- Projects which aim to encourage increased awareness of ecology, conservation and environmental issues in local communities, and to educate people on how to develop and carry out sustainable management practices in those communities.
- Research into how human activity affects species and habitats, and how any potential human-animal conflict can be managed.
- Projects which aim to design and implement conservation education programmes.
- Research into the welfare and breeding success of animals in captivity.

Some examples of successful applications:

- OMO Forest Conservation Club, Nigeria
- The Vietnamese Small Carnivore Programme
- Research project evaluating the habitat requirements of Sulawesi crested black macaques, Indonesia

- Community-based conservation of Asian elephants in Rakhine Yoma, Myanmar
- Research into nesting material preference in wild dormice
- Monitoring storm impacts on Slapton Sands
- Local perspectives for grass-root conservation education for Aders' Duiker and its habitat
- Makgadikgadi brown hyaena project: tackling the problem of conserving large and rare carnivores living in conflict with humans
- Research into the captive management and conservation of the blue crowned laughing thrush
- 'SPLOSH' community marine festival: raising awareness of climate change and the marine environment.

2. Download and complete an application form

Once you have decided to apply, simply contact us for a copy of the application form (which can also be downloaded from our website www.wwct.org.uk) and return it to us at the address provided on the form. Your project description should be no longer than two sides of A4, although any supporting documentation is useful.

3. Contact your referee

You need to arrange for a referee statement/letter to be submitted on headed paper in support of your application.

4. Submit your application

Your application can either be emailed to trustsecretary@wwct.org.uk or posted to the Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust at the address provided on the application form. The deadline for receipt of applications for the May meeting is 30th April and the deadline for the November meeting is 31st October. You will need to enclose a copy of your most recent CV with your application. You will be notified once we have received your completed application form.

Reporting on your project

Should you be successful in receiving funds from the Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust, you will be required to provide us with a report to document the progress of your project or research. This needs to be completed and sent to us no later than eight months following the receipt of your Award.

Further information

If you require any further information or assistance with the Awards scheme, please contact the Trust Secretary on the number below.

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