

.PRIMATE SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

CONSERVATION GRANT

GUIDANCE NOTES

The Primate Society of Great Britain awards small grants in support of primate conservation. These grants are administered by the Conservation Subcommittee, the members of which consider applications twice a year. Proposals are judged, on a competitive basis, with considerable weight put on awarding grants to work that has specific attainable goals that will benefit primate conservation. The following notes give details of eligibility and application procedure and should be read carefully before preparing an application.

1. Proposals are invited for grants to assist:

1.1 Projects in which known threats to primate populations or known constraints on population recovery are addressed;

1.2 Projects in which incentives are shifted in support of conservation (e.g. training, education and awareness raising, compensation schemes, influencing policy);

1.3 Surveys in which conservation effort is directed to important locations;

1.4 Other research of **direct** benefit to primate conservation.

2. Obligations of grantees are:

2.1 To use the funding in support of only the agreed objectives;

2.2 To present a report on the progress of the project after 6 months for any study over 12 months in length;

2.3 To provide, within 3 months of completion of the study, a 700-word summary of the project for publication in *Primate Eye* and on the PSGB website. This should highlight the benefit of the work to primate conservation;

2.4 To acknowledge the support received from PSGB in all publications or materials resulting from the project and to notify the Convenor of these publications;

2.5 To provide illustrations and, if possible, sound recordings to be used on the PSGB website or elsewhere to promote primate conservation.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Grants will be awarded only to members of PSGB, or to citizens of primate range states. If the latter please contact the Convenor, cwp@psgb.org, for agreement to apply.

3.2 Only those projects which are judged to have specific attainable goals that will benefit primate conservation will be considered.

3.3 Undergraduate expeditions, commercial/adventure missions and attendance at

conferences or training courses will not normally be supported.

3.4 Research that has been started prior to applying for funds is rarely supported.

3.5 Grants will be awarded only to projects where full consideration has been given to ethical issues arising from the work, and appropriate mitigation of potential negative impacts put in place.

4. Application and award details

4.1 Individual awards are typically in the range of £500 to £1250, and the latter amount is the maximum that can be requested. However, in March one habitat country individual may be awarded the Born Free Foundation grant of £1500.

4.2 Awards are made on a competitive basis, and the decision of the Conservation Subcommittee is final. In some cases, applicants may be invited to submit an amended application.

4.3 Applications must be made on the Application Form or following the same format.

4.4 Applications must be emailed direct to the Convenor. References must be sent direct to the Convenor by the referee, NOT by the applicant.

4.5 The closing dates are 1st March and 1st November, and electronic applications and references **must** be with the Convenor by that date.

4.6 Successful applicants will be required to sign the "Undertaking by Grantees" form prior to release of funds.

5. Recommendations to applicants

5.1 Conservation Subcommittee members look favourably on applications that are clearly and succinctly presented.

5.2 In view of the strong competition for grants, applicants are advised to make clear the significance of the project to the survival in the wild of the primate species concerned. A map of the study area in relation to global range is helpful.

5.3 Applicants who intend to work with citizens of the country where their project will take place will be looked on favourably, especially if the work will help improve the ability of individuals in habitat countries to contribute significantly to conservation in the future.

5.4 Applications should briefly summarise any past work (by the authors or others) relevant to the project's objectives.

5.5 Applicants should clearly address any ethical concerns likely to arise from the proposed research.

5.6 Reference should be made to any existing conservation action plans, and proposals should highlight the status of the species/population(s), the key threats or constraints to ensuring viability, how the project will influence these threats or constraints, and how (if possible) this influence will be verified.

5.7 Applicants should show in their budget how the PSGB grant will be used.

6. Evaluation Criteria

As stated in the PSGB Constitution, a core goal of the Society is “*the advancement of research in the study of primate biology in all its branches and activities conducive thereto, including the welfare of captive primates, conservation and education*”. Our grant evaluation criteria are designed to help us select projects, under each funding scheme, that best fulfil this goal. Importantly, we recognise that advancement of research is achieved not just through funding a specific project, but also through the resulting development of the researcher.

The criteria against which conservation grant applications are judged include:

- a) The significance of the predicted project outcomes in terms of promoting survival of wild primate populations;**
- b) The feasibility of delivering the predicted project outcomes;**
- c) The ‘added value’ of the award to the applicant, e.g. in terms of career progression or facilitating further funding applications.**