

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 Working Party, the members of which consider applications at their biannual meetings. Proposals are judged, on a competitive basis, by their likelihood of increasing the viability of threatened primate populations. 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 that address known threats to primate populations, or known constraints on population recovery;
- 1.2 Projects that shift incentives in support of conservation (e.g. training, education & awareness raising, compensation schemes, policy influence);
- 1.3 Surveys that will direct conservation effort to important locations;
- 1.4 Other research of direct benefit to primate conservation.

2. Obligations of grantees are:

- 2.1. To use the funding only in support of the agreed objectives;
- 2.2 To present a report on the progress of the project after 6 months for long term projects;
- 2.3 To present a final report within 3 months of completion of the project, to be used by PSGB at its discretion in publications or in any way thought to be of value to primate conservation;
- 2.4 To provide, within 3 months of completion of the projection, a 500-word summary of the project for publication in *Primate Eye* and on the PSGB website;
- 2.5 To acknowledge the support received from PSGB in all publications or materials resulting from the project;
- 2.6 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 who are sponsored by a member (contact the Convenor for assistance if you do not know any PSGB member).
- 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.

4. Application and award details

- 4.1 Individual awards tend to be in the range of £250 to £750.
- 4.2 Awards are made on a competitive basis, and the decision of the Conservation Working Party is final. In some cases applicants may be invited to submit an amended application.
- 4.3 Application must be made on the Application Form, or following the same format.
- 4.4 Two closing dates apply: the last day of February and the last day of August.
- 4.4 Applications should be sent by post to reach the Convenor on or before the relevant closing date.
- 4.5 Applications must be submitted as a signed hard copy **and** as an electronic copy (by e-mail or on a CD).
- 4.6 Successful applicants will be required to sign the "Undertaking by Grantees" form prior to release of funds. This may be included in the posted application if desired by the applicant.

5. Recommendations to applicants

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Applications should briefly summarise any past work (by the authors or others) relevant to the project's objectives.
- 5.3 Reference should be made to any existing species survival 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.
- 5.4 Applicants should indicate, in the budget, how the PSGB grant will be used.
- 5.5 Conservation Working Party members look favourably on applications that are clearly and succinctly presented.