

The 100% Fund

The 100% Fund is Fauna & Flora International's (FFI) grant-giving programme. It provides grants for projects on threatened species and habitats. The average grant is £2,000–£3,000, although exceptionally it can be up to £5,000. The Fund supports around 25 projects every year and the success rate of applications is about 30%. Applications are reviewed by FFI's Conservation Committee. The deadlines for applications are 1st April, 1st August and 1st December. Application forms can be obtained from the 100% Fund Manager, Simon Mickleburgh (Tel: +44 (0)1223 579477, Fax: +44 (0)1223 461481, E-mail: simon.mickleburgh@fauna-flora.org) who is also able to answer any queries about the Fund. There are a number of restrictions on applications to the Fund that are explained in the background information accompanying the application form. In particular the 100% Fund will not normally support work that is part of a PhD or MSc, projects that are part of an organised scheme (such as Raleigh International or Frontier), undergraduate expeditions and projects within the UK.

The Expedition Advisory Centre of the Royal Geographic Society

The Expedition Advisory Centre publishes booklets on fund-raising and planning for expeditions and compiles a directory of grant giving organisations. For further details see: <http://www.rgs.org>

Rufford Small Grants

Rufford Small Grants, made possible by The Rufford Foundation, are aimed at small conservation programmes, including pilot projects. The project requiring funding must be directly linked to fieldwork. Undergraduate projects are not eligible. The Rufford Small Grants facility offers 10-15 grants each year, up to a value of £5,000 per grant. Applications can be made at any time, with the quarterly deadlines at the end of January, April, July and October. Following these deadlines the applications are assessed and notification is made within two months. There are no interviews. Grant recipients are expected to produce formal or informal progress reports during the course of the project, and a formal written report must be submitted to the Whitley

Laing Foundation within 18 months of gaining a Rufford Small Grant. For further details see: <http://www.whitleyaward.org>

American Museum of Natural History Lerner-Gray Grants for Marine Research

Awards are for one year and are restricted to marine zoology projects. An applicant is usually allowed a maximum of two awards in successive years. The awards range from \$200 to \$1,000 and average \$700. Consumable supplies or expendable equipment, living expenses in the field or at a research station, and travel expenses are commonly supported. Applications must be received by 15 March and decisions are announced on 15 April. For further details contact: American Museum of Natural History, Office of Grants and Fellowships, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024-5192, USA; Tel: +1 212 7695100.

William C. Churchill Fund/Karl T. Frederick Memorial Fund

Awarded by the American Wildlife Research Foundation, this fund supports research, by organizations or individuals, that contributes to restoration, protection and conservation of natural resources, including wildlife. Examples of previous grants include research on wetlands in Argentina, studies of coyotes and of spruce grouse in North America, and support for nature centres and films. The fund makes grants of up to \$2,000 and favours awarding 'seed money' to obtain larger grants. Applications may be in Spanish or English and must arrive before the deadlines of 1 April and 1 August. For further details contact: American Wildlife Research Foundation, Inc., RD 2 Box 358, Meadowdale Road, Altamont, NY 12009-9534, USA; Tel: +1 518 8615357.

The Chicago Zoological Society Conservation and Research Funds

This programme provides research grants, support and technical advice. Grants of up to \$5,000 over a 12 month period are available for projects that are small scale and without the financial participation of other agencies, or distinct portions of larger projects where outcomes from the Society's funds can be clearly identified. To be

considered, a project must involve research or achieve conservation results that are of demonstrable value to Brookfield Zoo's programmes in conservation, research or animal collection management. Alternatively the project must have the potential to make a significant contribution to the discovery of knowledge about the Earth's biological resources or human impact on the environment. Recently funded projects include population ecology and traditional use of spiny rats in Ecuador, importance of keystone plant species for monkeys in Costa Rica, and habitat use by rainforest birds in Mexico. Deadlines for application are 15 April, 15 August and 15 December, with results announced at the end of July, December and March respectively. For further details contact: Tim Sullivan or Linda Reiter, Conservation and Research Committee, Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, IL 60513, USA; Tel: +1 708 4850263 or 4853532.

Wildlife Conservation Society Research Fellowship Program

Awards of up to \$20,000 (average \$5,000) are made for research that leads to conservation of threatened species. Projects must have a scientific foundation and should incorporate clearly identifiable and specific conservation goals. Preference is given to proposals by nationals of the country of research and to projects in six biogeographical regions of special interest: east and southern Africa, central and western Africa, South America, Central America, South-east Asia, and temperate Asia. International applicants are welcome but organizations are not eligible. Deadlines are 1 February, 1 June and 1 October, with decisions announced at the end of May, September and January respectively. For further details contact: Wildlife Conservation Society, 185th Street and Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10801, USA; Tel: +1 718 2205896; Fax: +1 718 3644275.

World Nature Association, Inc. Research Grants

Funds are given for conservation of fauna, flora and habitats, and related environmental education. Projects

must have practical application, educational and conservation components, and involve local people, and the study site must be outside the USA. Applied research is given preference over basic research. Recent projects include re-establishment of natural habitats in Lake Titicaca, Peru, and various environmental education projects for children in Latin America. Grants of up to \$2,000 are available, although the average is \$750. Individuals may apply, and applicants do not need institutional affiliation. An application form should be requested and returned by the deadlines of 1 March or 1 October. For further details contact: World Nature Association, P.O. Box 673, Silver Spring, MD 20918-0673, USA; Fax: +1 301 5932522.

Small Ecological Project Grants

Small Ecological Project Grants (SEPGs) are given by the British Ecological Society to promote all aspects of ecological research and survey. They are given to people and not to organisations. Although threatened habitats provided the impetus for the SEPG scheme, the scheme has now been widened to include any ecological project. Support will not be given for purely management work, but projects that involve the monitoring of management practices will be considered. Grants are given towards the cost of travel, for the employment of casual and short-term assistance, and for the purchase of small items of equipment. SEPGs are available to amateur as well as professional ecologists. The value of the award can be up to £1,000 for travel and £ 1,000 for other costs. Closing dates are 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October. For further details contact British Ecological Society, 26 Blades Court, Deodar Road, Putney, London, SW15 2N, UK; Tel: +(44) (0)20 88719797; Fax: +(44) (0)20 88719779; E-mail: general@ecology.demon.co.uk, or see <http://www.demon.co.uk/bes>