

General guidelines and Terms

Applicant should be a member of WCB Research Foundation and can submit only one proposal in a grant cycle

The project proposal must be written in English and as per the prescribed format available on the WCB website.

Applicant needs to hold a minimum of a post graduate degree in any subject from the recognized university or should have an experience in the field of wildlife and conservation.

The application can be submitted during the period of March 1 to June 30 of every year. Applications submitted before or after this duration will not be considered.

A project should focus on Wildlife and conservation and should not exceed the duration of one year with the amount not more than 150,000 INR.

Announcement of the award will be made on the foundation day of WCB, September 10.

Successful applicant can apply once in a two year for WCB Research Grant.

Applicants should send their application to wcbresearch@gmail.com in a prescribed format

Terms for utilizing the grants:

The WCB Research Grants can be used for...	The WCB Research Grants cannot be used for...
The project purpose as mentioned in the proposal in mentioned budget heads	Any overheads, personal charges or salary and utilized for building or permanent infrastructure
	The grants amount should not be sublet or provided to another entity as loan
purchase of essential equipment for carrying out fieldwork and lab work after the prior permission from the foundation	Any undercover/enforcement work and also not used for expenses related to litigation
	Purchase of equipment such as DSLR camera, laptop or vehicle or any personal gadgets
• Registration fee of national /international conferences to present the research work carried out under this project • Carrying out laboratory analysis through outsourcing • Paying publication charges for research publication through this grant • Subscription (annual) of any software/ tool for research	International travel for attending conference and seminar, training, workshops or the membership of any other organization or subscription of any journals

Permissions:

Project grantees are expected to understand all applicable Indian laws and secure permits before the commencement of the project. Any project activity involving entry into protected areas, sample collection or invasive research shall be carried out only after acquiring requisite permits from relevant competent authority/ies.

Underspends/Overspends:

Unspent funds will be carried forward to next year funding cycle and Overspending by applicants will not be reimbursed by WCB.

Intellectual Property Rights:

All intellectual property generated during grant cycle will remain the property of the concerned individual to whom the grant has been awarded.

The data collected under WCB Research Grants will be the property of the grantee. The grantee is free to use the data generated for her/his professional use (including scientific and popular publications by acknowledging WCB). The grantee acknowledges/agrees to share relevant data/inferences with WCB on request. WCB may use such data, in consultation with the grantee, for furthering the cause of conservation and spreading awareness, when required. WCB will acknowledge the grantee when such data is used.

All intellectual properties generated will be governed by the laws of the Union of India.

Criteria for Withdrawal of Grant:

- If the individual uses any form of discrepancy in the application vis-vis the project they have proposed.
- If the background check of the said individual brings to light misuse of previously received funding through other grants.
- If the funds provided by The WCB Research Foundation are misused in any way.
- If the activities proposed by the individual have the potential to cause adverse impacts to critical habitat or its flora and fauna.
- If the individual is involved in removal/alteration of any cultural heritage.
- If any Indian law has been violated.

WCB Research Grants Programme

Application Form

1. Applicant Details

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

2. Organisation Information

Type of organisation:

Year of establishment:

Name of the Head of organization:

Address of organization:

Contact number:

Email:

3. Proposed Project Team (If any, provide Name, phone, email)

Contact 1:

Contact 2:

4. Project Information

Title of project:

Area of focus (select the option that best describes the project):

- ☐ Wildlife biology/ ecology
- ☐ Human Wildlife interaction
- ☐ Conservation biology
- ☐ Habitat / Vegetation ecology
- ☐ Conservation biotechnology/ genetics/ microbiology

5. Budget

Total project budget:

Total amount requested from WCB:

6. Timeline (maximum 18 Months)

Expected project start date:

Expected project end date:

7. References (Provide two names of referees who knows you, your work and abilities)

1. Name:

Designation and Affiliation:

Contact details:

2. Name:

Designation and Affiliation:

Contact details:

8. Signature

Signature

Date

Name (printed)

Detailed Proposal

Title of the project:

1. Background:

1.1 The origin of your work:

Please explain why you decided to undertake this work. Are you aware of others who have done similar work? If yes, please provide more detail [max. 300 words].

1.2 The contribution of your work:

Please explain briefly what the work is going to achieve and contribute in conservation of wildlife and habitats [max. 300 words].

2. Project activities:

2.1 Project site:

Provide a brief description of your study area(s), including geographic location, habitat and conservation importance [max. 300 words].

2.2 Permissions and fieldwork:

Do you have all the necessary permissions or permits to do this work? Also, how long will you be in the field? [max. 200 words].

2.3 Activities and timescale:

Describe the key activities you will carry out to achieve the objectives and when these will be undertaken [max. 500 words].

3. Methods:

3.1 Methods to be used:

Describe in detail the research methods/techniques will you use to undertake each of the activities outlined in 2.3 [max. 500 words].

3.2 Reasoning:

Explain why you have chosen these research methods/techniques [max. 300 words].

4. Benefits to conservation:

4.1 Conservation outputs:

What will be the practical conservation outputs from this work? [max. 300 words].

4.2 Conservation importance:

What species of conservation concern, either nationally or globally, will benefit from this work (if relevant)? If species are included in the IUCN Red List, please add the information [max. 200 words].

4.3 Important deliverables of the project:

List / describe the important deliverables of the project and how you will acknowledge the WCB Research Foundation in these deliverables. [max. 100 words]

4.4 How your project aligns with the vision and mission of WCB Research Foundation? [Max 100 words]

5. Research Team:

5.1 Team description:

Please describe who will be working with you on this project, and explain what experience they bring.

Have any of the team members is a member of WCB Research Foundation? If yes, give details. Are any of the team members currently working on another funded project? If yes, give details. [max. 500 words].

5.2 Your skills:

Why do you feel you are qualified to lead this team? [max. 100 words].

5.3 Collaborations:

Describe what links you have formed or plan to form with other interested parties, for example NGOs, community groups, media, etc. [max. 300 words].

6. Budget:

6.1 Budget with proper justification for one year in INR:

Categories*	Total amount required	Requested from WCB
Personal services		
Equipment		
Travel		
Data Analysis		
Printing and Publication		
Contingency and other costs		
TOTAL		

6.2 Co-funding:

Provide details of any co-funding, funding already received or requested

7 Bibliography:

If necessary, provide full list of references that you have cited in your application.