



Conservation Leadership Programme

Eligibility Criteria for Applicants: CLP Future Conservationist Awards

Who We Are:

The Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) is a training and capacity building programme that targets individuals from developing countries¹ who are early in their conservation career and demonstrate leadership potential. Working as a partnership initiative with BirdLife International, Conservation International, Fauna & Flora International and the Wildlife Conservation Society, the CLP builds the leadership capabilities of early-career conservation professionals working in places with limited capacity to address high-priority conservation issues.

Who We Support:

The CLP supports teams of individuals with less than five years of professional experience, display a strong commitment to conservation and demonstrate leadership potential. All team members should have a desire to be impact multipliers across the conservation sector with the ultimate goal to mitigate threats to biological diversity.

What Grantees Gain:

- \$15,000 to implement a high-priority conservation project
- Professional development opportunities and training valued at approximately \$5,000 per team
- A chance to network with 3,500 CLP alumni and conservation professionals, including staff members of the CLP partnering organizations
- An opportunity to apply for follow-up funding after successful completion of the initial project

Team Eligibility:

- ✓ CLP Awards are for **team-based** conservation projects – each team must have at least **three people**.
- ✓ **50%** or more of the team members must be from the country where the project is taking place.
- ✓ All team members must be **early-career** conservationists with no more than 5 years of paid work experience in the conservation sector. ‘Paid work experience’ does not include research for a university degree. Individuals who have more than 5 years of paid work experience in the conservation sector are not eligible for CLP support and should not apply.
- ✓ **No** team member can be a part- or full-time paid employee or contractor with a CLP partner organization, including BirdLife International, Conservation International, Fauna & Flora International, and the Wildlife Conservation Society, at the time of project development through implementation.
- ✓ Any team member volunteering at a CLP partner organization at the time of application and/or project implementation **MUST** be declared in the application. They also need to explain how the CLP proposal differs from the partner organization’s work.
- ✓ The team leader must be a **national** of the country where the project is taking place. Co-leadership with a non-national will be considered with clear justification.
- ✓ Applicants can participate in only **one** CLP project at a time and in no more than three Future Conservationist Award projects in total, serving as team leader for no more than one Future Conservationist project.

¹ Countries not defined as ‘high-income’ by the [World Bank](#). Accessed on 3rd May 2013.

Project Eligibility:

- ✓ The project must take place in a country **not** defined as a 'High Income Economy' by the [World Bank](#). Exceptions to this criterion include Pacific and Caribbean island nations and some Middle East countries.*
- ✓ The project must be no less than three months and no more than **one year** in length.
- ✓ The total funding request from the CLP must not exceed **\$15,000** and CLP funding must cover **at least 50%** of the total project budget.
- ✓ The project must focus on **globally important species or sites** for biodiversity conservation that are under threat.
- ✓ Target **species must be at risk or Data Deficient**. We consider a species to be 'at risk' if it is designated as globally threatened (CR, EN, VU) by the [IUCN Red List](#) OR if there is information suggesting that urgent conservation action is needed for species not yet assessed on the IUCN global RedList.
- ✓ For those projects focusing on **multiple species** and/or taxonomic groups, at least one species in each taxonomic group being studied must be at risk.
- ✓ Those projects proposed in **priority sites** for conservation will be looked on favourably. We consider 'priority sites' to be for example [Alliance for Zero Extinction](#) sites, [Important Bird Areas](#), Key Biodiversity Areas, [Ramsar](#) sites, [Natural World Heritage Sites](#). Projects working at '**priority sites**' **must be linked to the target species at risk i.e. CR, EN, VU or DD**. Applicants must provide a hyperlink to published factsheets for the sites proposed.
- ✓ The project must be for **new work** rather than the continuation of an on-going, established project.
- ✓ Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed project goes **beyond academic research** being carried out for any team member's degree.
- ✓ Projects that involve laboratory analyses must justify why this work is **critical and urgent** for conservation.
- ✓ The proposal must be **written by the applicants** themselves.

Considerations for Successful Proposals:

- Applicants must be able to clearly communicate their ideas **in English** on the application form. We encourage teams to seek out a native English speaker to review the proposal prior to submission.
- The proposal must make clear how each team member will **develop their capacity**. For example, team members' knowledge, skills and experience as conservation practitioners will improve by implementing the project.
- The project must have **realistic objectives** with appropriate methods, activities and budget to achieve the stated objectives.
- Project should have a good balance of conservation research and action e.g. **engage local stakeholders** and project outcomes will contribute to local, regional and/or national **conservation priorities**.
- Applicants should demonstrate how the project results will be applied to conservation after the project ends.
- Payment for services of rangers/guides or training costs for project team must be justified.
- Contingency budget lines must not exceed 5% of the overall budget and must be justified.
- If a CLP partner organization or direct affiliate has an office in the applicant's home country, we strongly encourage the applicant to make contact for **advice and support**.

CLP Does NOT Support:

- Projects that include gene storage or captive breeding.
- Conference attendance, tuition fees for academic programs or scholarships.
- Salaries or stipends to team members or consultancies.
- Projects initiated by a CLP partnering organization.

***Countries NOT eligible for CLP support:**

High-Income Economies	Hong Kong	Singapore
Andorra	Iceland	Slovak Republic
Australia	Ireland	Slovenia
Austria	Isle of Man	Spain
Belgium	Israel	Sweden
Canada	Italy	Switzerland
Channel Islands	Japan	Taiwan
Cyprus	Korea Rep.	United Kingdom
Croatia	Liechtenstein	United States
Czech Republic	Luxembourg	
Denmark	Macao SAR, China	
Estonia	Malta	UK/EU/US Sanctions
Faeroe Islands	Monaco	Cuba**
Finland	Netherlands	Iran
France	New Zealand	North Korea
Germany	Norway	Somalia
Greece	Poland	South Sudan
Greenland	Portugal	Sudan
Gibraltar	San Marino	Syria

**Cuban nationals are eligible to apply for Conservation Awards, but other program support will be limited.

High-Income Countries that ARE Eligible:

Africa/Asia/Americas/Europe /Middle East	Caribbean Islands	Pacific Islands
Bahrain	Antigua and Barbuda	French Polynesia (France)
Brunei Darussalam	Aruba (Netherlands)	Guam (USA)
Chile	Bahamas	New Caledonia (France)
Equatorial Guinea	Barbados	Northern Mariana Islands (USA)
Latvia	Bermuda (UK)	
Lithuania	Cayman Islands (UK)	
Kuwait	Curacao (Netherlands)	
Oman	Puerto Rico (USA)	
Qatar	Sint Maarten (Netherlands)	
Russian Federation	St. Kitts and Nevis	
Saudi Arabia	St. Martin (France)	
United Arab Emirates	Trinidad and Tobago	
Uruguay	Turks and Caicos Islands (UK)	
	Virgin Islands (USA)	