Frequently Asked Questions

International Primatological Society Research Grant Applications

These are questions that may arise when preparing grant proposals for IPS Research Grants. Please review these before contacting us with any additional questions.

Q: Do I have to be a member of IPS to apply for an IPS Research Grant?

A: No, but we welcome you to become a member.

Q: My project is partially about research and partially about conservation. Can I apply for money from both the research and conservation funds?

A: As long as the fund requests are for different things, you may submit proposals to more than one competition. Bear in mind, however, that each IPS Committee funds the strongest proposals that match their needs. A conservation project that has only a minor aspect related to research is more suitable for submission to the Conservation Committee, whereas a research project that happens to deal with the topic of conservation is more likely to be more successful through submission to the Research Committee. Think carefully about which fund is most appropriate for your topic. If you have a project that genuinely crosses over between two (or three) funding competitions, you may submit a proposal to each. However, you cannot receive duplicate funds. Each submission must have a unique funding request.

Q: I plan to begin my project right away. If I'm awarded a grant, when can I receive the money?

A: The deadline for submitting your grant proposal is March 1. The IPS Research Committee will review the applications during and make its decision by late April or early May. Funds will be made available to grant winners in May.

Q: I have finished most of my project. Can I get a grant that will pay for already completed work?

A: No. You cannot be reimbursed for money already spent. Please plan accordingly. Funds are available only for future portions of your project.

Q: I have started my project already, but I'm applying for money to cover work that has yet to be completed. Is that OK?

A: Yes. As long as you are specifying FUTURE work to be completed, you are eligible to apply for funds. Be careful to explain this fully in the proposal timeline.

Q: I received an IPS Research Grant in the past. Am I eligible to apply again?

A: Yes. As long as you have fully complied with submitting reports about your previous project, you may apply for another grant.

Q: How many grant applications are submitted each year and how many are awarded?

A: The IPS Research Committee typically receives 80 or more applications per year, but it varies. We award 5-10 grants each year.

Q: If I am unsuccessful this year, can I re-submit my application for next year's competition?

A: Yes, although you will likely want to make changes that update your references and other time-sensitive information in the proposal.

Q: How are grant proposals reviewed – and will I receive feedback about the review?

A: he IPS Conservation Research members review the applications. We provide brief, constructive feedback to all applicants based on the reviews.

Q: Where can I find information about successful applications?

A: The progress reports of past winners routinely appear in the IPS Bulletin. Online versions of past IPS Bulletins are available to IPS members. Please go to the IPS web site at: http://www.internationalprimatologicalsociety.org/ and click on the Member Login link.

Q: What are the fiscal reporting requirements for awardees?

A: Awardees provide progress reports (which can include details of how money was spent) to the VP for Research and the VP for Communication.

Q: When will I be notified if my application is successful?

A: The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1. The IPS Committee will spend most of the month of March on the review process. We hope to have a list of winners available by early May, with funds dispersed soon after the announcement.

Q: Is there an age or degree limit for application for an IPS Research Grant?

A: No. We assess your background and job duties to determine whether you are qualified to carry out the work planned.

Q: Are there any limits on the nationality of applicants?

A: No, we accept applicants of all nationalities.

Q: Am I eligible if I am not affiliated with an institution?

A: Yes. We assess your background and job duties to determine whether you are qualified to carry out the work planned.

Q: What can the grant money be used for?

A: The funds can be used for research supplies, field equipment, field assistant salaries, travel expenses, research fees, etc. We tend not to fund salaries for researchers (you) and we do not provide funds for institutional overheads.

Q: What happens if I cannot complete my project on time?

A: Contact the VP for Research and provide an update and explanation.

Q: Are there any limits on the duration of the project that I apply for?

A: No, there are no set limits, but you need to provide a time-line in the application.

Q: How will the funds awarded be tracked?

A: Awardees provide progress reports (including details of how money was spent) to the VP for Research.

Q: The space for references is very limited.

A: Cite only the most relevant work. There are approximately 12 lines for references, which should be sufficient for this short proposal.

Q: Is there any preferred focus on target species or priority areas?

A: No, we fund the strongest proposals.

Q: Is the optional add-on concerning Conservation through Community Involvement (CCI) relevant to my project?

A: Please see the IPS guidelines on CCI here: http://www.internationalprimatologicalsociety.org/docs/Guidelines_Conservation_through_Community_Involvement.pdf.

Q: Do I need to send in a hard copy as well as the pdf?

A: No, just send the pdf by email to joanna.setchell@durham.ac.uk.

Q: The deadline is on the website, but is there an opening date for submission?

A: No, there's no opening date. We just file your application until the deadline.

Q: My references don't fit in the box you provide. Can I change the size of the box?

A: No, please do not change the size of any boxes on the form. Remember that you can use abbreviated references, and that you don't need to use a new line for each reference.

Q: My CV is too long to fit on one page, can I increase the size of the box?

A: No, please just include the most relevant aspects of your CV