



International Primatological Society Welfare and Captive Care Grant Applications

***FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS (FAQs)***

Q. Must the projects be completed in a primate range country?

- *Yes. We define range countries as those in which nonhuman primates naturally occur, so projects can be conducted in any range country in which any species of nonhuman primate lives naturally. Though the committee is interested in promoting the well-being of all captive primates regardless of where they live, these awards are specifically for those living in range countries.*

Q: Is an ethical panel approval from your institution required?

- *Ethical approval is preferred but not necessary. If permission has already been granted by a relevant organisation, please include that information. If ethical approval has not yet being received or is not necessary, please indicate that in the appropriate box in the application form*

Q: Can a request be made to support just a portion of the expense for an item?

- ***Yes. However, the amount requested to IPS must be enough to cover a complete objective within a broader project (i.e. if the other funds are not approved, the IPS project must still be feasible).***

Q: Can the grant support anesthetizing monkeys to obtain blood samples or other biological samples?

•*No. Since legislations vary from country to country on limits of invasive techniques, we are unable to standardize ethical criterial in this matter. Therefore, we do not support projects involving procedures that include anesthesia.*

Q: My project is partially about captive welfare and partially about conservation. Can I apply for money from both the research and conservation funds? What about the education fund, if I also have an education component?

- *As long as the fund requests are for different things, you may submit proposals to more than one competition. Keep in mind, however, that each IPS Committee funds the strongest proposals that match their needs. A project that has only a minor aspect related to education is more suitable for submission to the Welfare and Captive Care Committee, whereas an educational project that happens to deal with the topic of captive care is more likely to be more successful through submission to the Education Committee. The same is true for basic research projects. Think carefully about which fund is most appropriate for your project's 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. For further details, contact the VP for Welfare and Captive Care, Mollie Bloomsmit, mabloom@emory.edu.*

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

- The deadline for submitting your grant proposal is March 1st. The IPS Welfare and Captive Care Committee will review the applications during the months of March and April, with coordination among several IPS committees and approval by Officers occurring in May. Funds will be made available to grant winners by early June.*

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

•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?

- *Yes. As long as you specify clearly FUTURE work to be completed, you are eligible to apply for funds. Be careful to explain this fully in the proposal timeline and budget request.*

Q: I study an endangered species. Can I apply for Conservation funds?

- *Yes. But these must be different projects, appropriate for the specificity of each committee.*

Q: My project focuses on a primate species that is not endangered. Can it still qualify for IPS Captive Care funding?

• ***Yes. Our focus is on improving wellbeing of primates in ex situ settings, regardless of the species IUCN status.***

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

•Yes. As *long as you have fully complied with submitting a report about your previous project, you may apply for another grant.*

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

- ***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?

- *The IPS Welfare and Captive Care Committee members review the applications. We do not provide feedback to applicants about the proposal reviews. However, if you want to request specific feedback, we would be happy to share that with you. Please email Mollie Bloomsmith mabloom@emory.edu*

Q: Are there examples of successful applications on the web?

*•At present, we do not provide this service. However, the progress reports of past winners routinely appear in the IPS Bulletin. By reviewing the reports from past awardees, you will have a good idea of the kinds of projects we tend to fund. Online versions of past IPS Bulletins are available to IPS members. Please go to the IPS web site at:
<https://internationalprimatologicalsociety.org/ips-bulletins/>*

Q: What are the fiscal reporting requirements for awardees?

- *Awardees provide a final report (which can include details of how money was spent) to the VP for Welfare and Captive Care Mollie Bloomsmit, mabloom@emory.edu and the VP for Communications Fabiano Melo frmelo@ufv.br*

Q: When will I be notified if an award will be made to me?

- *The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1st. The IPS Committee will spend the months of March and April on the review process, with coordination among several IPS committees and approval by Officers occurring in May. We plan for funds to be dispersed in .*

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

•No. We assess your background and CV details to determine whether you are qualified to carry out the work planned. If needed, we may contact your supervisor or other referees.

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

•Yes. We assess your background and CV details to determine whether you are qualified to carry out the work planned. If needed, we may contact your supervisor or other referees.

Q: What can the grant money be used for?

- *The funds can be used for research supplies, construction costs, field equipment, assistant salaries, travel expenses, etc. What we tend not to fund are salaries for researchers (you) and we do not provide funds for institutional overhead.*

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

•Don't worry. Just contact the VP for Welfare and Captive Care Mollie Bloomsmith, mabloom@emory.edu and provide an update and explanation.

Q: What should be included in the 200-word summary?

•Think of this as an “abstract” of the proposal. Let us know – in 200 words – the overall plan, purpose, and expected outcome of your project. Make certain to include relevance to the welfare of captive primates.

Q: How many times can I receive an IPS Captive Care Grant? Is there a limit?

•We do not currently have a set limit. However, the competition for these grants is expected to increase over time, and the Committee members do seek to make funds available to help a broad number of primate species and habitats. In the end, however, we fund the strongest proposals each year.

Q: English is not my first language. Will my application suffer if I have not written in proper English?

- *We encourage all applicants to FIRST seek help with their proposal preparation (including English usage) from a mentor, advisor, supervisor, or colleague within their own home country. These are the people who know you best and can work directly with you to improve your proposal. The IPS does not provide proposal preparation assistance from the standpoint of scientific design or project ideas. However, you may contact the VP for Welfare and Captive Care Mollie Bloomsmith, mabloom@emory.edu if you would like a quick review of your proposal – for language assessment only. If you choose to ask for this help please do so by FEBRUARY 15th to allow sufficient time for your application to be submitted to the competition by the March 1st deadline. (In other words, the version that is submitted for the March 1 deadline is the one that will be reviewed; you are not eligible for language assessment after that date.)*