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Professional

DEVELOPMENT GRANTS



Professional Development Grants (PDGs) provide support for mid-career conservationists to pursue short-term, non-degree training to upgrade their knowledge and skills. These trainings can include short courses, certificate trainings, or conferences among other training opportunities. PDGs provide the tools necessary for professionals to advance in their careers and improve local capacity in their home countries.

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Individuals from the following countries are eligible to apply. Please note that within eligible countries preference is given to applicants working in WWF priority places.

- ▶ Belize
- ▶ Bhutan
- ▶ Bolivia
- ▶ Cambodia
- ▶ Central African Republic
- ▶ Colombia
- ▶ Dem. Republic of Congo
- ▶ Ecuador
- ▶ Fiji
- ▶ French Guiana
- ▶ Gabon
- ▶ Guatemala
- ▶ Guyana
- ▶ Honduras
- ▶ Indonesia
- ▶ Kenya
- ▶ Laos
- ▶ Madagascar
- ▶ Malaysia
- ▶ Mozambique
- ▶ Myanmar
- ▶ Namibia
- ▶ Nepal
- ▶ Papua New Guinea
- ▶ Paraguay
- ▶ Peru
- ▶ Republic of Congo
- ▶ Solomon Islands
- ▶ Suriname
- ▶ Uganda
- ▶ Vietnam
- ▶ Zambia

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percent of Professional Development Grant recipients have been promoted to a higher position since receiving their grant.

DEADLINE

All applicants must complete an application by one of the deadlines noted.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria to be considered for a grant.

- ▶ You must be a citizen of an eligible country.
- ▶ You must currently be living and working in your home country.
- ▶ You must have at least three years of paid work experience in a conservation-related field in your home country.
- ▶ You must have applied to or already be accepted to participate in the proposed training at the time you submit your application.
- ▶ Your current work and proposed training must help advance conservation in your home country.
- ▶ You must not be enrolled in an academic degree program.
- ▶ Your proposed training must be completed within 6 months and must not lead to an academic degree.
- ▶ You must have approval from your employer to participate in the proposed training and the promise of continued employment.
- ▶ You must have a bank account in your own name that can receive US dollars.
- ▶ You must not have received funding from EFN in the past. Previous PDG recipients may be eligible for Alumni Grants.
- ▶ The proposed training must take place at least 90 days after the application deadline.
- ▶ You must submit all required documents by one of the deadlines.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

All applicants must complete an application by one of the four deadlines below. The proposed training must take place at least 90 days after the application deadline to allow EFN time for review, selection, and processing of the grant. Applications will be reviewed 4 times a year as noted below:

- ▶ November 1, 2016
- ▶ February 1, 2017
- ▶ May 1, 2017
- ▶ August 1, 2017



Applicants can access the online application at www.worldwildlife.org/efn. For more information on Professional Development Grants and other funding opportunities, please e-mail EFN at efn@wwfus.org.