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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.

## 3YRS<sup>+</sup>

**YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF PAID WORK EXPERIENCE IN A CONSERVATION-RELATED FIELD IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY.**

### 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 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 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 and international wire transfers.
- ▶ 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.



## 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 areas.

- ▶ Belize
- ▶ Bhutan
- ▶ Bolivia
- ▶ Cambodia
- ▶ Cameroon
- ▶ 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

APPLICANTS MAY REQUEST UP TO

# \$2,000

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please e-mail EFN at [efn@wwfus.org](mailto:efn@wwfus.org) or visit the [WWF-US website](http://www.worldwildlife.org/efn) for more information.

## 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 on:

- ▶ February 1
- ▶ May 1
- ▶ August 1
- ▶ November 1

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Individuals may submit an online application at any time. Applicants may request up to US\$ 2,000. Completed applications will be reviewed on the dates noted above, and applicants will be notified of the results within a month after the application deadline. Please note that PDGs are highly competitive. Meeting the minimum eligibility requirements does not guarantee you will receive a grant.

Applicants can access the online application at [www.worldwildlife.org/efn](http://www.worldwildlife.org/efn). Applicants may apply in English, Spanish, French, or Portuguese.

The online application requires the following:

- ▶ Contact information
- ▶ Previous and current employment information
- ▶ Educational qualifications
- ▶ Course/training details
- ▶ Acceptance letter from proposed course/training
- ▶ Employer approval
- ▶ CV or resume
- ▶ Detailed budget