



MARKANDAI AH SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Small grants for early career individuals for Western Ghats focused research and conservation projects.



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Overview

This program offers funding for early stage conservation projects focused in the Western Ghats. The program intends to be a catalyst in bootstrapping new projects and early careers. Two conservation focused projects will be funded through the program for an amount of INR 5,00,000 each.

Project's Requirements

- The project should be a new or early-stage project with a small number of well defined scientific/conservation goals.
- The project's duration can be upto a year from when the grant is awarded.
- The grant amount should cover a majority of the project expenses.
- The project will not fund conference travel or publications.
- Projects can be individuals or teams upto three members. Requirements for members:
 - Are Masters/PhD students or early into their careers (with less than 5 years of experience)
 - Can demonstrate wildlife focus and conservation experience

What You Get?

- A one-time grant of INR 5,00,000
- Mentorship support from CWS scientists
- Eligibility to reapply for a second grant after the project's completion

What We Expect?

- Work on a project you believe is impactful and are passionate about
- An update on the project's status every three months
- A report at the project's end detailing your work and outcomes needs to be submitted

Application Details

- A 3-5 page project proposal that includes summary, background, objectives, methods, expected outcomes, budget and timeline
- A CV/resume
- Three Recommendations
- Please submit applications to outreach@cwsindia.org as a single pdf document with the header "Small Grants Application" by February 15th 2020.