

General guidelines and Terms

Applicant should be a member of WCB Research Foundation and can submit only one proposal in a grant cycle

The project proposal must be written in English and as per the prescribed format available on the WCB website.

Applicant needs to hold a minimum of a post graduate degree in any subject from the recognized university or should have an experience in the field of wildlife and conservation.

The application can be submitted during the period of March 1 to June 30 of every year. Applications submitted before or after this duration will not be considered.

A project should focus on Wildlife and conservation and should not exceed the duration of one year with the amount not more than 150,000 INR.

Announcement of the award will be made on the foundation day of WCB, September 10.

Successful applicant can apply once in a two year for WCB Research Grant.

Applicants should send their application to wcbresearch@gmail.com in a prescribed format

Terms for utilizing the grants:

The WCB Research Grants can be used for...	The WCB Research Grants cannot be used for...
The project purpose as mentioned in the proposal in mentioned budget heads	Any overheads, personal charges or salary and utilized for building or permanent infrastructure
	The grants amount should not be sublet or provided to another entity as loan
purchase of essential equipment for carrying out fieldwork and lab work after the prior permission from the foundation	Any undercover/enforcement work and also not used for expenses related to litigation
	Purchase of equipment such as DSLR camera, laptop or vehicle or any personal gadgets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration fee of national /international conferences to present the research work carried out under this project • Carrying out laboratory analysis through outsourcing • Paying publication charges for research publication through this grant • Subscription (annual) of any software/ tool for research 	International travel for attending conference and seminar, training, workshops or the membership of any other organization or subscription of any journals

Permissions:

Project grantees are expected to understand all applicable Indian laws and secure permits before the commencement of the project. Any project activity involving entry into protected areas, sample collection or invasive research shall be carried out only after acquiring requisite permits from relevant competent authority/ies.

Underspends/Overspends:

Unspent funds will be carried forward to next year funding cycle and Overspending by applicants will not be reimbursed by WCB.

Intellectual Property Rights:

All intellectual property generated during grant cycle will remain the property of the concerned individual to whom the grant has been awarded.

The data collected under WCB Research Grants will be the property of the grantee. The grantee is free to use the data generated for her/his professional use (including scientific and popular publications by acknowledging WCB). The grantee acknowledges/agrees to share relevant data/inferences with WCB on request. WCB may use such data, in consultation with the grantee, for furthering the cause of conservation and spreading awareness, when required. WCB will acknowledge the grantee when such data is used.

All intellectual properties generated will be governed by the laws of the Union of India.

Criteria for Withdrawal of Grant:

- If the individual uses any form of discrepancy in the application vis-vis the project they have proposed.
- If the background check of the said individual brings to light misuse of previously received funding through other grants.
- If the funds provided by The WCB Research Foundation are misused in any way.
- If the activities proposed by the individual have the potential to cause adverse impacts to critical habitat or its flora and fauna.
- If the individual is involved in removal/alteration of any cultural heritage.
- If any Indian law has been violated.