CALL for GRANT PROPOSALS

Primate Conservation, Incorporated (PCI) is a not-for-profit foundation founded to fund field research that supports conservation programs for wild populations of primates. Priority will be given to projects that study, in their natural habitat, the least known and most endangered species. The involvement of citizens from the country in which the primates are found will be a plus. The intent is to provide support for original research that can be used to formulate and to implement conservation plans for the species studied.

ELIGIBILITY

Primate Conservation, Inc. will grant seed monies or provide matching grants for graduate students, qualified conservationists and primatologists to study rare and endangered primates and their conservation in their natural habitat. Grants have averaged approximately $2,500, with a maximum grant of $5,000. We do not support conferences, travel to scientific meetings, legal actions, tuitions or salaries at institutions, and overhead costs.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals are evaluated on competitive basis. Applications are screened by outside reviewers and the Board of Directors of PCI. All appropriate projects will be considered, but the regions of current interest are Asia and west Africa.

CLOSING DATES AND NOTIFICATION

Deadlines for all grant application materials to be in our office is February 1st and September 20th. Awards will be given by May 10th and December 15th.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Grant applicants should fill out the cover sheet and institutional agreement forms (one page each). Please Submit three (3) copies of a complete proposal (All items). Please email one a digital copy of the proposal to nrowe@primate.org in an MS .doc file or RTF no .pdf files or .docx. Proposals are to be submitted typed, double spaced, in English. Please send all application material to Primate Conservation, Incorporated at 1411 Shannock Rd Charlestown, RI 02813. It is better if they are not sent registered or certified mail as the US Postal Service will not deliver them. (Regular mail is fine but they must arrive by the deadline).
Suggested Outline

Please use: 8.5 X 11 inch paper, at least 12 point type, 1.5 spacing, no less than 1/2 inch margins. Be concise, items 1 – 5 should be no longer than 10 pages. Use the enclosed Project Proposal form as a cover sheet for each copy of your proposal. Submit three (3) copies of a complete proposal (The cover sheet and items 1-11). Include the following suggested outline items only if appropriate for your proposal. Be sure to send 3 copies of the signed Institutional Agreement form. We will not award a grant without this form.

Fill In the Cover Sheet with your Abstract
Proposal should consist of the following:
1. Introduction
   a. Justification of proposal.
   b. How project addresses primate conservation.

2. Background Information
   a. Prior research.
   b. Prior conservation action.
   c. If this is a continuing project funded by PCI, the proposal should include a summary of findings for the prior grant.
   d. If you are part of an academic program, please clearly state how the project you are asking to be funded fits into this program.

3. Project description
   a. Goals.
   b. Specific aims.
   c. Project design and implementation.
   d. Describe how you will prevent disease transmission from you and your assistants to primates. For references that describe this problem and its prevention please see the bottom of this page of thewebsite.

4. Methods
   Data collection methodology should allow the reviewer to judge that the goals can be accomplished with sufficient data to test hypotheses and include the following information
   a. Clearly state your hypothesis and how it will be tested and what will be learned from a positive result or a negative result.
   b. For surveys, specifics on the survey methods to be used, including sampling methods, how often data will be taken, transect length, number of times the transects will be sampled, times of day or night, and how the data will be analyzed. For all projects, indicate work schedule, sampling methods, and expected or minimal target sample sizes.
   c.) All animal handling planned, including: animal immobilization, capture techniques, blood or tissue collection, marking, collar ing and radio telemetry devices,
   d.) Local professional development.
   e.) Involvement of local people.
   f.) Education and public information.

5. Post-project follow-up
   a. Dissemination of results.
   b. Possible post-project conservation action
   c. Evaluation: how will success be measured?

6. Timetable
7. Budget, include: total budget for proposal, funds already available, institutional support, grants pending from other sources, for pending grants please indicate if alternative to or supplemental to PCI funding request. Please include a budget justification that makes explicit how budget requests were calculated (e.g., cost/person-day and number of person-days; cost per item and why ‘n’ items are needed). If you receive partial funding from PCI (i.e., one half requested) how much of your proposal will you be able to accomplish. Please note priority is given to proposals with matching grants. The applicant should notify PCI on the progress of pending grants or additional grants applied for after submission of their proposal. One effective method is to prepare a budget with item details as rows and the budget requested from each source as columns to highlight overlapping and supplementary requests.

8. Bibliography and a map of the location of the project within the country.

9. C.V.’s of principal personnel. Two (2) pages maximum per person.

10. Copies of permissions from appropriate governmental agencies (i.e. visa, research permits) or statement that permits and permissions are not needed.

11. Completed and signed institution agreement form (page 3).

12. Names and addresses of 3 people qualified to review your proposal. N.B. We are not asking for personal references. Please do not include people who are involved in anyway with your project.

The following are publications you might wish to consult to find methods suitable for your project:


Books


Available in English, French, and Spanish 1999 / 186 pages; 8 1/2 x 11 spiral-bound paperback. Outlines the basic building blocks for an interpretive program on biodiversity, including principles of exhibit
design, interpretive presentations, community outreach programs, and evaluation. Designed especially for educators and resource managers in tropical countries where the world's biodiversity is richest and most threatened, the illustrated manual offers a variety of ideas for getting started, describes successful interpretive activities, and lists resources for further information. The manual is also available as a free PDF downloadable file.

If you are unable to download this chapter or book, please email the director at nrowe@primate.org and he will email you a copy.

PCI recommends the following articles for people doing conservation education projects.


Primate Conservation, Incorporated
Project Proposal Form

PROJECT __________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________ ________________
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S)__________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________
ADDRESS__________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________
UNIVERSITY (if applicable)____________________________________________
TELEPHONE/FAX/E-MAIL______________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________
PROJECT PERIOD____________________________________________________
TOTAL BUDGET_______________________________________________________
AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM PCI________________________________________
SUPPORT FROM OTHER SOURCES (NOTE IF PENDING)_______________________
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ACADEMIC ADVISOR SIGNATURE ______________________________________
ACADEMIC ADVISOR TYPED NAME_______________________________________
ABSTRACT:________________________________________________________________

Please do not write below this line.

Prior PCI support_____________________________________________________
PCI project number_____________________________________________________
Recommendation_______________________________________________________

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Institution Agreement Form

To whom it may concern:

Primate Conservation, Inc. (PCI) is a not for profit foundation that awards small grants to individuals through colleges, universities and other not for profit organizations. The grants are given for field work or conservation. Due to the small amount of monies (under $10,000) to be disbursed by our organization, and due to the obvious need for conservation of many species of primates in their native environment, the Directors feel that no monies should be taken for administration or overhead by the college, university or not for profit organization through which the grant is administered. In keeping with this policy, the grant applicant must secure the institutions' agreement with this policy as part of the application process.

The grantee's institution should fill out and sign this form. Please return the form to the grant applicant so it can accompany the proposal. If a grant is awarded a copy of this form will be returned to the institution with the check.

Any grants from Primate Conservation, Inc.
for (grant applicant) __________________________________________
for (project title or description) __________________________________________
to be administered by
Institution: __________________________________________
Office: __________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________
FAX: __________________________________________

will not have any monies removed for administration, overhead or other purposes. The grant award will be used for the benefit of the above named recipient only.

The grant monies check should be made out to: __________________________________________
and sent to (office & address): __________________________________________

Now, therefore the grantees institution: __________________________________________

agrees to the terms stated here.

By: __________________________________________
Signature: __________________________________________
Title: __________________________________________
Date: __________________________________________