

Funding Applications

The Trust aims to make grants totalling up to £15,000 per year. There are three basic types of grant that can be applied for.

Small Ecological Project Grant (SEPG): These are designed to support projects involving capital costs, external contractor costs, travel and consumables to cover a period of no more than one year. Successful awards from £100 to £5,000 can be applied for and, as long as proof of intended purchases and expenditure is forthcoming, grant payments can be expected within a month of submission. Applications that exceed £5,000 or cover a period that extends beyond a 12 month period will still be considered but it will be important to contact the Trustees beforehand and may require meetings to be held in order to discuss arrangements.

Match Funding and Partnership Projects (MFPP): It is anticipated that opportunities will arise where WDET funding will be provided as MFPP in collaboration with other organisations and funding bodies. In such cases the SEPG application form should be used and accompanied by details of the entire project that includes budgetary details of the whole project.

Where projects mirror the policy requirements of WDET, grant funding for MFPP may exceed the annual payment target of £15,000.

Field Research Support Grant (FRSG): These are designed to specifically support the ongoing field costs of researchers undertaking ecological field work, including student researchers (undergraduate and postgraduate university students). Requests of up to £500 can be made associated primarily with travel, subsistence and consumables, the rent of specialist equipment, third-party cost related to processing and analysis of samples and the purchase of field equipment. Requests cannot be made for field assistant salaries. In the case of successful applications and where proof of intended purchases and expenditure is forthcoming, grant payments can be expected within a month of submission. In some cases, applications for support can be made retrospectively as long as proof of expenditure is provided that does not exceed 6 months from the date that an application is received by WDET.

Student applicants requiring larger capital costs should make an SEPG application. Preference will be given to researchers working in the Woolhope Dome area but we appreciate that many projects will be associated with the geographical locality of the university in which they are being supervised, and such applications are still eligible where relevant to the Woolhope Dome area. Grant monies must be spent within 12 months of the date of award.

Application forms should be sent to WDETrust@gmail.com