



**ASSOCIATION EUROPEENNE POUR L'ETUDE ET LA CONSERVATION DES  
LEMURIENS  
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY AND CONSERVATION OF  
LEMURS**

**AEECL Small Grants Scheme**

**Call for proposals**

Each year, AEECL awards two small grants of up to €1,000 to graduate students, qualified conservationists and/or researchers to study lemurs in their natural habitat. Priority is given to proposals covering conservation-relevant research on those species red-listed as Vulnerable, Endangered, Critically Endangered or Data Deficient by the IUCN. We support original research that helps with establishing conservation action plans for the studied species. Grants are normally given to recent graduates from Malagasy universities to help building local capacity.

We do not support travel to scientific meetings or conference fees, tuitions or salaries, undergraduate expeditions, or overhead costs. We may however, in special circumstances, support studies on Malagasy species other than lemurs if the proposal provides satisfactory information as to how lemurs or the respective ecosystems as a whole will benefit from the research.

All proposals will be assessed by the Board of Directors of AEECL and/or by external referees. The deadline for applications is March 1st. Successful applicants will be notified by May 1st. The decision by the Board of Directors is final, and proposals cannot normally be resubmitted.

**Application procedure**

Please complete the AEECL Research Proposal Form and submit it as an MS Word file (file name should be your surname), together with a cover letter, a 200-word summary of your proposal on a separate sheet, a map of the location of your study in relation to the project country, copies of permissions from appropriate governmental agencies such as MNP (if applicable), and your one-page CV, to: Dr Christoph Schwitzer, Secretary AEECL, c/o Bristol Zoo Gardens, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3HA, UK. **Email: [cschwitzer@bristolzoo.org.uk](mailto:cschwitzer@bristolzoo.org.uk)**

Please also send one signed hard copy of the proposal by post (signed by the applicant and their supervisor).

Proposals, cover letters and CVs are to be submitted typed, single-spaced and in English.

With regard to your project budget, please state the total budget for your proposed study, the amount requested from AEECL, any funds already available (in-cash and/or in-kind), and any other grants that you have applied for. Please include detailed information on all expenditure, along with an explanation of how your budget was calculated (e.g. cost/person-day and number of person-days; cost per item and number of items needed).

### **Obligations of grantees**

All projects awarded an AEECL grant must be reported in full within three months after conclusion of the project or of the funding period, whichever is the earlier. Research projects carried out over a period of more than six months need to provide an interim report after each half-year period. All reports must be accompanied by a 500-word summary and, if possible, by high resolution images for use on the AEECL website.

For further information, please refer to the AEECL Research Policy on the first page of the Research Proposal Form.