**ORANGUTAN SSP GRANT FUNDING**

The Orangutan Species Survival Plan (SSP®) actively supports initiatives that advance its mission of overseeing the management of orangutans within AZA member institutions and enhancing the conservation of orangutans in the wild. On an annual cycle, the SSP® considers proposals not exceeding $5,000 to fund projects that specifically meet these criteria.

**PROPOSALS THAT ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING:**

*Basic science*:

* Studies that occur *ex situ* may cover a range of academic disciplines and focus on a variety of topics. Emphasis is placed on projects that have an applied value in terms of increasing the general knowledge of the genus *Pongo*. Examples include veterinary and nutritional care, husbandry, and captive management. Research must not compromise the welfare of individual subjects, or their social partners. Studies that collect data through opportunistic sampling are highly preferred. Elective sedation solely for the purpose of research will not be considered.

*Conservation-useful science (as described in:* [**Defining Field Conservation for the AZA Community**](https://www.speakcdn.com/assets/2332/fcc_fieldconservationdefinition_approved2013.pdf)):

* Field conservation conducted *in situ* that involves “Direct Action” such as field work, species recovery, veterinary care, and costs associated with maintaining assurance populations.
* Research *in* or *ex situ* that advances the conservation of wild orangutans or their habitat.
* Field Conservation Education such as awareness-building through the production of educational materials, outcome-oriented education, and training/capacity building.

*Sanctuaries and Rehabilitation Centers:*

* Requests for operating and capital expenses for *in situ* sanctuaries and rehabilitation centers that care for orangutans will be considered.

*Emergency Appeals:*

* Unanticipated emergencies directly related to the mission of the SSP® may be eligible for funding. In these cases, the steering committee may vote to respond proactively without receiving a proposal.

Applicants should keep in mind that projects that allow the SSP® to be distinctively identified, as opposed to being part of a large comingled funding pool, are encouraged. The funded activity may be part of a larger collaborative effort, but the SSP’s® mission is often best advanced by clear identification with a discrete aspect of the work. The SSP® does not typically provide seed money to start a project whose completion will depend on subsequent support.

The SSP® is philosophically committed to the idea that local people are an essential part of the conservation equation; therefore, sustainable co-existence between humans and wildlife is of paramount concern. Preference will be given to *in situ* investigators who invest in local people and encourage sustainability. This may include training, employment, mentorship, or academic opportunities.

**SUBMISSION PROCESS**

All proposals must contain a cover letter, CV for the principal investigator, and a completed proposal funding form (attached). **Incomplete submissions will not be considered**. If applicable, verification of IACUC or IRB approval by the applicant’s home institution, letters of approval from the research site (*in* or *ex situ*), and documentation of domestic and/or international permits should be included.

It is expected that student proposals are jointly submitted with the student’s primary advisor. A letter of endorsement from the primary advisor should be included.

Proposals may be received at any time throughout the year. However, ***funding decisions are finalized in October each year and notifications will be made by November 30***. Any proposals received after September 1 will be considered for the following calendar year.

All proposals should be submitted electronically to Orangutan SSP Research Advisor, Dr. Meredith Bastian ([workswithapes@yahoo.com](file:///E%3A%5CWeebly%20on%20F%20Drive%5CGrant%20Application%5Cworkswithapes%40yahoo.com)). Applicants should expect an acknowledgment when their proposal is received.

**EVALUATION**

Grantees are expected to provide an annual progress report. Due dates for reports will be coordinated based on the schedule for each project. When appropriate, a peer-reviewed publication can serve as the annual report. In other cases, a narrative is the best option. This should include a detailed assessment of accomplishments, and measures of conservation success when appropriate. Inclusion of photos, educational materials, copies of media coverage and other products are highly encouraged.

A complete accounting of expenditures including receipts or other proof of payments must be provided annually or upon request.

New proposals from the grantee will not be considered until annual reports have been received for previously funded projects.

**ORANGUTAN SSP GRANT FUNDING PROPOSAL**

**Title of Project**:

**Amount Requested**:

**Start Date**:          **End Date**:

**Principal Investigator:**

**Co-Investigator(s):**

**Title:**

**Institution**:

**Department**:

**Phone**:

**Email**:

1. **Abstract.**

1. **Explain the significance of the project, including management and conservation significance. Include specific reference to relevance to the Orangutan SSP and/or AZA.**

1. **Describe the goals and objectives of the project; be specific as to how success will be measured.**

1. **Explain the experimental design and methods. Indicate “N/A” if this is not an experimental project.**

1. **Detail the time frame of the proposed project.**

1. **List any permits required and method by which they will be acquired.**

1. **Please attach institutional IACUC/scientific review committee approval.**

[ ]  **Attached** [ ]  **Not applicable (Explain:**      **)**

1. **List all personnel assisting in the project. Include name, institution, title, role in this project, and individual qualifications.**

1. **Describe all means by which the results will be communicated and shared.**

* 1. **I agree to submit to the Orangutan SSP a progress report at the halfway point and at the completion of the proposed project.**

**[ ]  Yes** **[ ]  No or N/A**

**If ‘NO or N/A,’ please explain:**

* 1. **I agree to provide a brief project synopsis to be posted on the Orangutan SSP web site.**

**[ ]  Yes** **[ ]  No or N/A**

**If ‘NO or N/A,’ please explain:**

1. **Budget (including funds from other sources)**

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1. **Budget Justification:**

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**Please submit completed Grant Funding Proposal via email to:**

**Dr. Meredith Bastian**

**Orangutan SSP Grant Program**

**Orangutan SSP Research Advisor**

**Workswithapes@yahoo.com**