

Small Grant (Stage 1) - Application Overview

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Small Grant (2025 Funding Cycle)

The Save Our Seas Foundation invites applications for small projects for the period March 2025 to February 2026. This grant is designed for short (12 to 18 months) and small projects dedicated to early career scientists.

Small grants are specifically for early career conservationists, and must be within five years of their most recent degree or relevant professional qualification by January of the project year in order to be eligible. Small Grants may be up to 10,000 USD, but average 5,000 USD.

Aimed at original and innovative start-up projects, the grant presents early career scientists, conservationists or educators with an opportunity to prove themselves. It targets local projects conducted by local project leaders. Whether or not the project is part of a larger endeavour, SOSF Small Grants are for specific and finite projects. Only projects concerned with marine chondrichthyan species (sharks, rays, skates, sawfishes and chimaeras) will be considered.

Successful applicants for small project grants, including scoping projects, can be awarded maximum 2 small grants and are not eligible to submit a Small Grant application the following year. Nevertheless they are not excluded from submitting a Keystone Grant application.

Grant applications must be submitted no later than:

Stage I: 28 June 2024, at 18:00 CET (Central European Time).

Stage II: 6 September 2024 at 18:00 CET (Central European Time).

Please note that it won't be possible to alter the applications after submission.

No Responses Selected

Small Grant (Stage 1) - Applicant Information

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Dates should all be in the format dd/mm/yyyy and the currency used in this application is US\$.

Required fields are marked with a red asterisk next to them.

We will consider only one grant application from each project leader. If your application has more than one leader, please name the individual who will execute the project. Their organisation and/or institute (if any) may not be the organisation most closely involved in the project, and projects do not have to be run through an institute.

1. Title: *

(No response)

2. First name: *

(No response)

3. Family / Last name: *

(No response)

4. Date of birth: *

(No response)

5. Nationality: *

(No response)

6. If other, please specify:

(No response)

7. Complete mailing address:

Address line 1: *	(No response)
Address line 2	(No response)
City: *	(No response)
State / Province (if applicable):	(No response)
Postal code (if applicable):	(No response)
Country: *	(No response)

8. Work telephone: *

International format including country code.

(No response)

9. eMail 1: *

(No response)

10. eMail 2:

(No response)

11. Website(s):

(No response)

12. Facebook:

(No response)

13. Twitter:

(No response)

14. Instagram:

(No response)

15. Other social networks:

(No response)

Small Grant (Stage 1) - Organisation/Institution Information

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1. Name and acronym: *

(No response)

2. Organisation/Institution website:

(No response)

3. Type: *

(No response)

Small Grant (Stage 1) - Project Overview

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1. Proposed project topic or title: *

This title will be used by SOSF when describing or referring to your project (and may be rewritten for the website). It must be informative and clearly convey the subject and aim of the project.

(No response)

2. Please select the primary focus of your project: *

Please check the primary focus under which your project most closely falls. You can tick more than one checkbox.

No Responses Selected

3. Species concerned or habitat: *

	Common name	Latin name (if species)
Species/habitat (Primary): *		
Species/habitat (Additional):		
Species/habitat (Additional):		

4. IUCN Red list status of the species listed above: *

Please also indicate if the species is listed in any international conventions (e.g: CITES, CMS, etc) as well as any local, regional or national protection legislations.

(No response)

5. Project location: *

Define the geographical location - including country, region, site, sea, ocean, etc - where project activities will take place. The project leader may be based elsewhere.

(No response)

5a. Project country: *

Select the primary country where project activities will take place.

(No response)

If other, please specify.

(No response)

Select a secondary country (if applicable) where project activities will take place.

(No response)

5b. Project continent: *

Select the continent where project activities will take place.

(No response)

6. Keywords: *

Define 5 keywords describing your project.

(No response)

7. Project summary: *

This should be a brief abstract, clearly understandable by the non-specialist, summarising the more detailed information in the next few sections.

(No response)

8. General aim and objective: *

State clearly the broad aim or general purpose of the project.

(No response)

9. Methodology summary: *

Describe briefly the methods you intend to use, and/ or the precise activities that will be involved, in order to achieve these goals. make sure you indicate sample/population size (n) when relevant.

(No response)

10. Duration of the project (in months): *

Please note that small grants are restricted to a single year, with a maximum project duration of 18 months.

(No response)

11. Funding requested from SOSF (USD): *

SOSF does not pay unspecified overheads to host organisations (e.g. universities or non-governmental organisations). Individuals can apply. SOSF Small Grants are designed to fund project leaders and projects, not institutions or organisations. Funds for candidates who have applied successfully can be transferred into private accounts.

(No response)

12. Is the project leader an early career researcher? *

We define this as **within five years of the award of a degree as of January of the project year, or currently working towards a degree.**

(No response)

13. Are you the project leader? *

(No response)

Small Grant (Stage 1) - Project Team

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1. Project leader's experience and qualifications: *

Applicants are expected to provide details of their track record in the subject area and/ or practical relevant experience in the region where the proposed project is to take place, thus demonstrating that they will be able to undertake this work successfully.

(No response)

2. Why are you the best person to lead this project? *

You might use this space to explain what drives you and why the goals of this project are important to you.

(No response)

3. Who will execute the project? *

Please name the person who will be in the field gathering data, as well as the affiliation and contact details.

(No response)

4. Project supervisor or advisor:

If a recent postgraduate or graduate or undergraduate student is applying for funds, or if the applicant cannot demonstrate significant experience in the subject area and/ or region, provide names, respective affiliation and contact details of a supervisor or an advisor and describe their experience in the subject area and/ or the region where the proposed project is to take place. A letter from these individuals, outlining their experience and confirming their participation as supervisor/ advisor, must also be provided with your application. Where students are applying, only one application will be accepted from each supervisor.

(No response)

5. Other referees: *

Please provide the name and contact details of two senior referees (three if no supervisor) who will support your application and whom we can, if necessary, approach to ask for their opinion of your project.

(No response)

6. Previous SOSF applications (both accepted and rejected): *

List brief details of project application(s), successful and unsuccessful, year(s) and outputs of projects that may have received a SOSF grant in the past.

(No response)

7. Collaboration and association: *

List and describe, present and future collaborative efforts and associations with governmental institutions, NPOs and/ or NGOs locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

(No response)

Small Grant (Stage 1) - Supporting Files

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For the naming of annex documents please use the following structure for the file name:[first four letters of project leader surname]_[first four letters of project subject]_[grant program and year]_[document type]_[document extension]

For example, the C.V. for a project on Chimaera conservation submitted by Dr Jones for the 2025 Small Grant would be titled: jone_chim_smallgrant2025_cv.pdf. All files submitted with the online application form should be identified in the same way (e.g. jone_chim_smallgrant2025_cover letter.jpg; etc.).

Upload project leader's C.V.: *

Upload letter of support from supervisor or equivalent: *

Scan of letter from the project supervisor/advisor and/or, if required/relevant, from their employer's authorising officer (should be printed on the institution's letterhead).

Upload additional documentation

If you have any additional documentation to support your application, you may upload it here. This is not required.

Small Grant (Stage 2) - Project Details

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Dates should all be in the format dd/mm/yyyy and the currency used in this application is USD / US\$.

Required fields are marked with a red asterisk next to them.

1. This project is unique because...: *

SOSF aims to support applicants working on projects focussed on exceptional species, habitats and/ or locations, and is particularly committed to supporting activities that have the capacity to make a real difference to the health of the oceans and to the survival of the threatened aquatic species and habitats. Please explain briefly how your project meets these criteria with a focus on intended conservation outcomes.

(No response)

2. Background: *

For research projects, please summarise the key knowledge of the species, habitat, or environmental threat that is the focus of your project. You might include conservation challenges or knowledge gaps that the project aims to address. For education projects, identify the education challenge, how it relates to conservation of the species/habitat concerned, and how the project aims to address this. You may refer to up to 10 publications as appropriate.

(No response)

3. Aims and objectives

List the more specific objectives (*at least one, no more than three*) of the work that you intend to undertake. If the planned work will be part of a larger project, you may list these broader aims and objectives, but please highlight (e.g. with an asterisk) the objectives you hope to achieve with funding from the SOSF.

3.a. Objective 1: *

(No response)

3.b. Objective 2:

(No response)

3.c. Objective 3:

(No response)

4. How will these objectives be achieved?

For each objective listed for this SOSF project, describe briefly the methods you intend to use, and/or the precise activities that will be involved, in order to achieve these goals. Please include intended sample/population sizes (n) where appropriate.

4.a. Methods 1: *

(No response)

4.b. Methods 2:

(No response)

4.c. Methods 3:

(No response)

5. Indicators: *

Explain how you plan to measure the results and the impact of your project, in particular how these can be used to inform on the success of the intended conservation outcome of the project. These indicators are a measurement index of the results, allowing both the project leader and SOSF to evaluate whether the project is moving in the right direction guided by the aim and objectives, and whether it yields expected results. The indicators will provide evidence about whether a designed result occurred and it will measure the changes in activities of the project. The selection of indicators is key, and as well as being clear, precise and feasible, and they should best reflect the outputs and outcomes of the project results in terms of research, conservation and/ or education.

(No response)

6. Is this a completely new project or the continuation of an existing project? *

We favour new and innovative projects, but will support existing work if a need can be demonstrated.

(No response)

7. How will you communicate your results to the scientific or specialised community? *

Proposed projects should have a clear intended conservation outcome. Explain how you will ensure the findings from the project are communicated to the scientific community and relevant decision makers.

(No response)

8. How do you plan to communicate your results to a popular audience in a meaningful manner (excluding social networks)? *

While research tells us what we need to do, effective communication makes us want to do it. Please detail how you will engage a general audience to learn about the issue relevant to your project. Please describe if and how you will approach the media to disseminate your project work and findings.

(No response)

9. Problems and contingency planning: *

List the main foreseeable administrative, logistical or technical problems that might arise during this project and explain how you will address them.

(No response)

Small Grant (Stage 2) - Dates and Figures

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Please indicate when you envisage your project will take place. This call for new grant applications targets small projects that will be undertaken during the 12-month period from March to February. If you anticipate that the project will need to continue for longer in order to achieve its principal aims, please also explain here what those longer term aims are, how the project will be funded in future years, and how the SOSF's funding for this initial year will fit into and further the aims of the longer programme. The SOSF will consider small grant applications that, among other things, aim to undertake the preliminary investigations necessary before a larger, longerterm project can be developed. Successful applicants for small project grants, including scoping projects, will not be invited to submit a continuation grant application next year, but are not excluded from making new grant applications.

1. Projected start date: *

(No response)

2. Projected end date: *

(No response)

3. Comments on project duration:

(No response)

4. Funding requested from SOSF (USD): *

Please indicate the total budget (to the closest US \$100) for the project and provide more detail in the provided Excel budget template. Successful grant applications average about 5,000 USD. Requests for grants exceeding 10,000 USD will be rejected without review.

'Funding anticipated from other sources' may include support from the internal resources of the applicant's own organisation (in-kind) or support from external sources (please list). SOSF does not support salaries (full-time or part-time) of project researchers, nor pay unspecified overheads to host organisations (e.g. Universities or nongovernmental organisations). The short-term extra costs of an individual's participation in a project, or hire of specialist services, may be eligible if justified. Small grants are permitted to include a modest stipend, as long as the need is fully justified in the application. Individuals may apply. SOSF grants are designed to fund project leaders and projects, and not institutions or organisations. These figures should include grants from SOSF and significant (i.e. >5–10% of total budget) contributions from other sources. Conference costs or publication fee can't be included in the budget proposal.

Please read our FAQs in case you have more questions about budget: <https://saveourseas.com/grants/funding-faq/>

(No response)

5. Funding anticipated from other sources (USD): *

(No response)

6. Inkind contributions (USD): *

(No response)

7. Total project budget (USD): *

(No response)

8. Other funding and/or support:

Please list any other organisations that are expected to cofund the work or to provide practical support.

(No response)

9. Comments:

(No response)

10. Acknowledgement *

No Responses Selected

11. Agreement address *

Is the address to appear on the agreement different from the applicant's address provided in Stage 1 of this application?

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Upload budget: *

Please use the Excel spreadsheet ([download – click here](#)) to present how the funds requested will be spent, including major items of capital expenditure.

Upload Gantt Chart: *

When will the objectives be achieved? Please upload a Gantt chart in PDF format that illustrates the schedule and timeline of each the objectives mentioned above.

Upload cover letter: *

Scan of signed and dated covering letter, signed by the project leader (the individual named on the first page of the application form). The SOSF review team will expect this letter to convey the project leader's enthusiasm for the project proposed and explain why they are a suitable leader for this work and have chosen to submit the application to the SOSF.

Upload project profile: *

Project profile (Word format) using [the template available here](#). The details provided in this section will be used to create the project profile on our website for successful applications. These sections should be written for a general audience, [please refer to existing profiles](#) for reference on style.

Upload project leader profile: *

Project leader profile (Word format) using [the template available here](#). The details provided in this section will be used to create the personal profile on our website for successful applications. These sections should be written for a general audience, please refer to existing profiles for reference on style:

Upload profile photo: *

Please upload up to 3 high-resolution portrait photographs, which will be used to create the Project Leader portrait illustration for successful applications. These should not be passport-style images, but pictures that you like of yourself, in which your face is clearly visible (ideally without sunglasses or a hat).

Upload additional documentation

If you have any additional documentation to support your application, you may upload it here. You may upload previously-submitted documentation only if there were changes since your Stage 1 application.