

Eligibility Criteria

THT Action Grant

Organisation

1. A functional existence of three years (as per the registration certificate) carrying out direct on-ground projects in conservation of India's natural habitats and threatened species must have been completed by the organisation on or before 31st March 2025.
2. Only one application per grant cycle can be submitted by organisations.
3. A CSR-I certificate must be possessed by the organisation.
4. The organisation must be a registered not-for-profit entity in India, such as a Society, Trust, Section 8 (previously Section 25) company, or a registered institute under Section 35(1)(ii) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961. Registration under Section 12AB of the Income-Tax Act, 1961, must have been obtained by the organisation.
5. An 80G certificate must have been obtained by the organisation. For institutes where the 80G certificate is not applicable, approval by the Central Government under Section 35(1)(ii) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961, will be considered.
6. Registration documents, audited financials, tax certificates, bye-laws, FCRA (if applicable), and/or similar documents must be held by the organisation, depending on the nature of funding or donations received.
7. These documents must be presented if the organisation is shortlisted.
8. Grantees must be based in India for the entire duration of the project.
9. Enrollment status must be declared by postgraduate, PhD, or postdoctoral students, and a signed statement confirming that the proposed project is distinct from their research must be provided.

Individuals

1. Applicants must be based in India for the entire duration of the project, preferably full-time within or in close proximity to the proposed project site.
2. Grassroots conservationists not employed by any registered not-for-profit entity in India, such as a Society, Trust, or Section 8 (previously Section 25) company, are sought by this grant.
3. A No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the employer must be provided by applicants who are employed.
4. Board of Trustees or Management Committee membership of any registered not-for-profit entity in India must not be held by applicants.
5. A valid bank account based out of India, proof of taxes paid, a valid PAN card, and an Aadhaar card must be possessed by individuals.
6. Employees of organisations that are current recipients of a THT grant cannot apply for an individual grant.
7. If employment is secured by the applicant after receiving the grant, an NOC must be obtained from the new employer; otherwise, the grant will be discontinued.
8. Postgraduate, PhD, or postdoctoral candidates nearing completion must disclose the expected time required to finish their program.
9. A declaration confirming that the proposed project is independent of their research must be provided by postgraduate, PhD, or postdoctoral candidates.