

# Eligibility Criteria

## THT Research Grant

1. This grant is open only to organisations.
2. A proven track record of at least three years on or before 31st March 2025 of research in interdisciplinary aspects of conservation, including ecological, social, and technological dimensions, must be demonstrated by applicants. This requirement ensures that expertise and experience necessary to successfully execute high-impact research projects are possessed by the selected organisations.
3. Projects involving interdisciplinary research on lesser-studied species and habitats, ecological processes, ecosystem functionality, socio-ecological systems, and policy are prioritised by the grant. Actionable insights to drive solutions for conserving ecosystems must be generated by these projects.
4. An average expenditure of greater than or equal to INR 15 lakhs over the last two financial years (FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24) must have been incurred by the organisation.
5. Only one application per grant cycle can be submitted by organisations.
6. A CSR-I certificate must be possessed by the organisation.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. 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.

10. These documents must be presented if the organisation is shortlisted.

11. 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.

12. Grantees must be based in India for the entire duration of the project.