

Call for applications: Small conservation grants

URL: http://janatrustfund.org/index_en.html

Keywords: Animal Ecology; Environmental Conservation; Mammalogy; Wildlife

Funding amount: €1,500

Duration: Short-term / project-specific (no fixed duration)

Funder deadline: **31 August 2026**

UCT Internal Deadlines

- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete [intention-to-submit](#) form by **31 July 2026**
- **UCT eRA:** Approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **REQUIRED** prior to submission to the funder. Applicants should:
 - contact faculty finance/budget reviewer by no later than **03 Aug 2026**
 - [eRA Internal Approvals forms](#) should reach the Finance Approver by no later than **17 Aug 2026**

Contacts: internationalgrants@uct.ac.za

About the Funding Opportunity

The Jana Robeyst Trust Fund invites applications for its small conservation grants. These provide financial resources for non-profit organisations and early-career scientists and conservationists to carry out conservation work related to mammals, especially forest elephants, in Sub-Saharan Africa. Education projects will also be considered, as well as travel costs for presentation of the project at a conference, or participation at a workshop or training programme.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be an **early-career biologist or conservationist**
- Conduct work **in sub-Saharan Africa**
- Focus on **endangered mammals** (priority for elephant-related work)

Additional requirements:

- Projects must demonstrate **clear conservation and applied research value**
- Funding is intended for **ongoing or pilot projects**

Eligible Costs

Funding can be used for:

- Field research and conservation activities
- Essential field equipment
- Travel to present findings at conferences
- Participation in relevant workshops or training

Ineligible Costs

The fund will **not support**:

- Salaries or living costs
- Thesis writing or production
- Office equipment
- Retrospective costs or debt
- Purely theoretical research without conservation application

Application Process

How to apply

Download the application conditions [here](#) and the application form [here](#)

Applications are submitted directly to the funder via **email** in Word or PDF format to info@janatrustfund.org with the mention “Grant Application deadline your name” using the application form, including:

- Completed application form
- CV with references
- Project description and budget

Decisions are typically communicated **within ~6 weeks of each deadline**, with funds disbursed shortly thereafter.

- This is a small-scale grant designed to support pilot or supplementary work
- Strong emphasis on field-based, applied conservation impact
- Successful and unsuccessful applicants may reapply after 12 months

UCT internal requirements

	Deadline
PI to initiate an eRA Proposal Approval request and alert their faculty finance office of the budgetary support needed	Immediately
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request with a draft budget to the Budget Reviewer step on eRA at least 4 weeks before the funder deadline	03 Aug 2026
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least 2 weeks before the funder deadline	17 Aug 2026
Approval form and all supporting documents to reach RC&I via eRA at least 1 week before the funder deadline (if applicable, if funder requires institutional sign off)	24 Aug 2026
PI to submit the application by the funder deadline	31 Aug 2026