

DAPTF SEED GRANTS 2002

We are pleased to announce a new round of Seed Grants for 2002. These are intended as one-time awards of between \$500 and \$2000 for the support or initiation of research that furthers the DAPTF's mission to determine the nature, extent and causes of amphibian population declines. There are three categories in this year's round, reflecting generous financial support from Conservation International (CI) and the U.S. Department of the Interior's Amphibian and Reptile Monitoring Initiative (ARMI). We will accept applications in Spanish, Portuguese and French, as well as English.

(1) CI AWARDS

The criteria for these awards are: (a) the proposed work would be undertaken in one of the biodiversity hotspots and wilderness areas identified by CI (California Floristic Province, Caribbean, Mesoamerica, Choco/Darien/western Ecuador, tropical Andes, Brazilian Cerrado Atlantic Forest, central Chile, Amazon Basin, Mediterranean, Caucasus, Guinean forests of West Africa, Congo Basin, Eastern Arc Mountains and coastal forests of Tanzania and Kenya, Cape Floristic Region, Succulent Karoo, Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands, Western Ghats and Sri Lanka, Indo-Burma, mountains of south-central China, Phillipines, Sundaland, Wallacea, New Guinea, northeast Australia, southeast Australia, New Zealand); (b) the project should contain one or more of the following characteristics - be primarily field-based, involve local herpetologists, provide training and/or equipment that will be used subsequently, determine the status of poorly-known species, and result in the publication of results. Applicants should draw attention to these criteria in their applications, as appropriate.

(2) ARMI AWARDS

The criterion for these awards is that the proposed work should be done on species or issues of concern in the USA. ARMI is particularly interested in funding research on potential stressors of amphibian populations. For more information about ARMI, go to: <http://bbs-pwrc.er.usgs.gov/armi/index.cfm>

(3) UNRESTRICTED AWARDS

The DAPTF welcomes applications that address any aspect of amphibian declines, but favours joint applications that involve a partnership between herpetologists in developed and developing countries.

Applicants should indicate which of the above categories they have in mind, but we are likely to consider applicants in categories (1) and (2) also under category (3). Do not hesitate to contact Tim Halliday if you need clarification or advice.

Proposals of no more than 4 pages should be addressed to Tim Halliday, DAPTF International Director, Department of Biological Sciences, The Open University, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA, UK, or by email to t.r.halliday@open.ac.uk

Proposals should contain: (1) Name, affiliation and contact information of proposer(s), (2) Project title, (3) Description of the intended work, including

localities and species involved, (4) Start date and schedule of the project, (5) Explanation of how the project will further the DAPTF's mission, (6) Budget breakdown, including details of additional funding obtained or sought from elsewhere (Note that we are unable to provide funds to cover salaries), (7) References, if appropriate, (8) Any other pertinent information.

All information acquired with the support of the DAPTF remains the intellectual property of the grant recipient, but must be freely available to the DAPTF and for the DAPTF's use in furthering its mission.

The closing date for applications is 15th December, 2001.