



NATIONAL TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

GAURISHANKAR CONSERVATION AREA PROJECT



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Call for Proposal Students Research Grant Support Programme National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC)

Gaurishankar Conservation Area Project (GCAP) NTNC-GCAP's Darwin Initiative Student Research Grant Support Programme invites students pursuing their bachelor or master degree in Natural Resource Management, Forestry, Environment Science, Botany, Zoology, and other related fields to apply for research grant to conduct their academic research as required by their academic programme. The research proposals should be in the topics assigned below. The granted amount as specified below in the table below will be allocated for each topic. Applicant must be a Nepali citizen studying in the institution, in their home country. Tax will be deducted in accordance with the Nepal Government's Regulation

Research Topics

SN	Proposed Research topics for 2025	No. of Grants	Granted Amount (RS)
1.	Assessment of Ecological Fish Diversity in the Gaurishankar Conservation Area (GCA), with focus on GCA Ramechhap & Sindhupalchowk.	1	1,00,000/-
2.	Study on Population status and habitat use patterns of small mammals in the Gaurishankar Conservation Area.	1	1,00,000/-
3.	Study on Role of Traditional Ecological Knowledge in mitigating Human-Wildlife Conflict in GCA Dolakha.	1	50,000/-
4.	Assessment of Community-led NTFP Harvesting and Conservation: Indigenous Knowledge Systems in GCA, Dolakha.	1	50,000/-
5.	Assessment of Rangeland mapping and traditional grazing practices in Bigu Rural Municipalities of GCA.	1	50,000/-
6.	Assessment of Rangeland mapping and traditional grazing practices in Gaurishankar Rural Municipalities of GCA.	1	50,000/-
7.	Assessment of Economic valuation of NTFPs and their Role in local livelihood resilience in Ramechhap of GCA.	1	50,000/-
8.	Study of Economic valuation of NTFPs and their Role in local livelihood resilience in Dolakha of GCA.	1	50,000/-
Total		8	5,00,000/-

Application Requirements

- I. Cover letter (Max. 1 page with research title, proposed supervisor, institution, statement of interest).
- II. Letter of recommendation from head of department and contact details of two references.
- III. Research proposal not exceeding 8 pages (Proposal format and guideline is available with this notice).
- IV. Recent CV (3 pages max).

Applications should be submitted either at the address or the email provided below no later than September 8, 2025.

Note: The Permanent Residence of Gaurishankar Conservation Area (GCA) or belonging to marginalized communities will be highly prioritized during the selection process.

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PROPOSAL FORMAT

1. **Title**
2. **Background**
3. **Statement of problem**
What problem is the research addressing and attempting to solve?
What is/are the background condition(s)/context of the problem?
4. **Rationale of the study**
5. **Research hypothesis**
6. **Research questions**
7. **Research objectives**
8. **Review of literature**
9. **Methodology**
How will the problem be approached and what methods will be employed to accomplish the stated objective(s)?
10. **Study area**
11. **Motivation for research**
Why are you excited about the proposal research and why should the reader be as well?
12. **Significance of the proposal research**
Significance to the scientific community and society
How does the proposal research relate to what has already been done in this area?
13. **Time frame and schedule**
A project time frame with reasonable starting and ending dates for the proposed project
14. **Budget (Financial plan)**
15. **Limitation of the study**

Note:

- The complete proposal should not exceed 8 pages (excluding the cover page and reference page). It must be prepared on A4 size paper, with 1.5 line spacing and 1-inch margins. The font should be Times New Roman, size 12, and only the headings should be in bold.
 - The selection committee will evaluate proposals based on both the written submission and the quality of the proposal presentation.
 - Only shortlisted candidates will be called for online proposal presentation.
- All the authority involved in selecting research proposals stands on the selection committee.


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