



## Guidelines to apply for grants

The British Asian Trust invites proposals from organizations working on human-wildlife coexistence in India for our CoExistence Fund. The [CoExistence Fund](#) is set up by the British Asian Trust to support conservation initiatives in India. The Fund is an exciting opportunity for us to grow our conservation work and develop new partnerships.

### Who is eligible to apply?

- Organisations need to be registered in India as a not-for-profit entity (ie a Society, Trust, Section 8 (previously Section 25) company or a registered institute under Section 35(1) (ii)).
- Organisations need to have an available and valid Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act approval
- Organisations must have been working for two years on or before 31 March 2022 and have annual accounts available
- Organisations should not have any political or religious affiliations

### Evaluation criteria

Applications will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Projects must meet the principles of coexistence defined by the British Asian Trust and deliver on this objective both in process and outcome
- Projects must be based in India and focus on one of two key landscapes 1) Western Ghats and/or 2) Northeast India
- Projects must identify a clear coexistence challenge or opportunity and have defined objectives, measurable outcomes and a plan to understand and/or address it
- Projects should be between one to three years in duration. Large grants may be implemented over five years
- Applicants must demonstrate good management practices and financial sustainability, assessed through our due diligence process

### Selection process

- Interested applicants will need to complete a brief application form. Only proposals submitted using the relevant form will be accepted
- Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted and invited to complete a more detailed proposal
- The British Asian Trust will conduct due diligence on and field visits to shortlisted applicants as part of our review process
- Applicants may be asked for further information and detail as required. All recommendations are made to our Programmes and Partnerships Committee based on feedback from British Asian Trust staff and the CoExistence Advisory Group
- All decisions are final



## To apply

Please download the application form from [www.britishasiantrust.org/](http://www.britishasiantrust.org/). Please ensure you adhere to the format and respect the word limits for each section. Please do not send us any additional documents at this stage. Completed application forms should be emailed to [CoExFund@britishasiantrust.org](mailto:CoExFund@britishasiantrust.org) by 23:59 IST on 11 November 2022.

You may also post any queries/ issues regarding the application process to this email ID.

## Timeline

- The deadline for applications is 23:59 IST on 11 November 2022
- The first shortlist will be announced in December 2022, which will be followed by requests for additional information via a detailed proposal and field visits to project sites
- Final decisions will be announced on our website and via our social media channels in January 2023
- All applicants are requested to periodically check our website and follow our social media handles for updates on the CoExistence Fund.

## More information

If your work does not clearly fit into the above criteria and you would like to discuss whether it is relevant or consider other opportunities for partnership with the British Asian Trust, please contact Auro Shashwat, Senior Conservation Manager, at [CoExFund@britishasiantrust.org](mailto:CoExFund@britishasiantrust.org)