



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 applications from students in the final year of a Bachelor's degree or pursuing a Master's 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 proposal should be in the topics assigned below. The granted amount as specified 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

S.N.	Proposed Research topics for 2026	No. of Grants	Granted Amount (NPR)
1.	Butterfly Diversity and Habitat Association along an Elevational Gradient in Gaurishankar Conservation Area	1	50,000/-
2.	Distribution, Habitat Association and Elevational Patterns of Pheasant Communities across Gaurishankar Conservation Area	1	50,000/-
3.	Impact of Climate Change on the Tsho-Rolpa Glacial Lake of Gaurishankar Conservation Area	1	50,000/-
4.	Assessment of Wildlife Corridor and Habitat Connectivity in Gaurishankar Conservation Area.	1	50,000/-
Total		4	2,00,000/-

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 25, 2026.

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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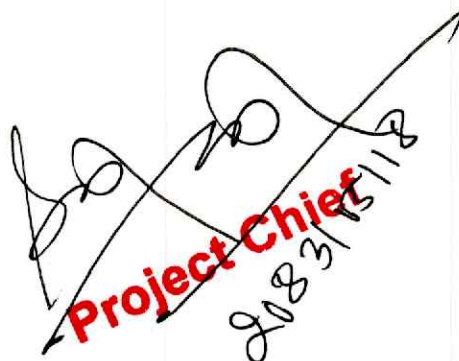
PROPOSAL FORMAT

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**

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.

Note:

- 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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