

# [Detailed guide: Darwin Initiative: applying for main project funding](#)

*Updated:* Updated the guidance under the 'How to apply' heading to make it clear applications need to be submitted through the Flexigrant application portal.

## **How to apply**

You will need to apply online for Round 25 Darwin Initiative main projects through the [Flexigrant application portal](#).

Before applying, please read the following guidance:

- [Round 25 guidance](#)  
(PDF, 1.43MB, 52 pages)
- [Finance for Darwin & IWT](#)
- [Darwin initiative main projects flexigrant user guide](#)  
(PDF, 139KB, 8 pages)
- [Privacy policy](#)  
(PDF, 131KB, 3 pages)
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Once you have read the guidance, complete the Darwin Initiative round 25 – stage 1 application form on the [Flexigrant application portal](#). For drafting purposes, you may find the [Darwin Initiative round 25 – stage 1 application form](#) (MS Word Document, 172KB)

useful.

If you are invited to Stage 2, please complete the [Darwin Initiative round 25 – stage 2 application form](#) (MS Word Document, 253KB)

[by invitation only].

## **When to apply**

There is a two-stage application process for main round Darwin projects. The

timetable for Round 25 is set out below:

- call for Stage 1 applications: Tuesday 22 May 2018
- deadline for Stage 1 applications: 24 July 2018
- expected outcome of Stage 1 and notification of applicants invited to Stage 2: Early October 2018
- deadline for Stage 2 applications (by invitation only): Monday 3 December 2018
- expected notification of successful projects: February 2019
- expected start date for successful projects: From 1 April 2019

## Who can apply

Please refer to the guidance for the list of countries eligible for the scheme. Organisations making the application must:

- have experience of managing similar projects in developing countries
- be able to demonstrate financial stability and provide audited accounts

The proposed project leader must have suitable qualifications or a minimum of around 10 years' experience working on similar projects in developing countries.

## Level of funding

There is no specific minimum or maximum level for a main round project. The funding pot is however limited. Further information on the size of Darwin Projects can be found in the

[Round 25 guidance](#)

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## Case study

Before completing the application form, you might like to take a look at a [case study](#) showing an example of a successful main project.