

Detailed guide: Darwin Plus: environment funding for the UK Overseas Territories

Updated: Added the documents for Round 7 applications.

What funding is available

Darwin Plus (also known as The Overseas Territories Environment and Climate Fund) provides funding for:

- environmental projects in UK Overseas Territories
- fellowships for UK Overseas Territories (OT) Nationals to increase their knowledge and ability to meet long-term strategic outcomes for the natural environment in UK Overseas Territories

How to apply

You need to apply online for Round 7 Darwin Plus projects and fellowships through the [Flexigrant Application Portal](#).

Before applying, you should first read:

- [Darwin Plus Round 7: project guidance](#)
(PDF, 646KB, 30 pages)
- [Finance for Darwin and IWT](#)
- [Darwin Plus Flexi-Grant User Guide](#)
(PDF, 236KB, 7 pages)
- [Privacy policy](#)

Darwin Plus projects

Once you have read the guidance, complete the Darwin Plus Round 7 application form on the [Flexigrant application portal](#).

For drafting purposes, you may find the [Darwin Plus Round 7: Darwin Plus Projects application form \(for drafting only\)](#)
(MS Word Document, 337KB)

useful.

You will also need to complete and upload:

- the relevant budget form:
[Darwin Plus Round 7: budget form \(grants under £100,000\)](#)
(MS Excel Spreadsheet, 58KB)
- or
[Darwin Plus Round 7: budget form \(grants over £100,000\)](#)
(MS Excel Spreadsheet, 122KB)
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[Darwin Plus Round 7: Darwin Plus projects implementation timetable](#)
(MS Excel Spreadsheet, 37.5KB)

Darwin Plus fellowships

Once you have read the guidance, complete the Darwin Plus Round 7 Fellowship application form on the [Flexigrant application portal](#).

For drafting purposes, you may find the [Darwin Plus Round 7: Darwin Plus Fellowship application form](#) (MS Word Document, 248KB)

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You will also need to complete and upload:

- [Darwin Plus Round 7: Darwin Plus Fellowship budget](#)
(MS Excel Spreadsheet, 72KB)
- [Darwin Plus Round 7: Darwin Plus Fellowship implementation timetable](#)
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When to apply

Darwin Plus applications opened on 10 July 2018.

Applications must be received by Monday 3 September 2018.

We expect to notify successful applicants by mid-November. Successful projects will start from April 2019.

Who can apply

Darwin Plus projects

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Level of funding

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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 Darwin Plus project.

[Detailed guide: Darwin Plus: environment funding for the UK Overseas Territories](#)

Updated: Added a link to the Penguins in the Southern Ocean case study.

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Case study

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- [Bermuda invasive lionfish initiative](#)
- [Penguins in the Southern Ocean](#)

[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)

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](#)

(PDF, 1.43MB, 52 pages)

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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.

[Detailed guide: Prevent fish or shellfish diseases](#)

Updated: List updated

Each year thousands of fish and shellfish die from disease. Recovering from an outbreak can take a long time and can be very expensive.

Serious fish and shellfish diseases

You must tell the Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI) if fish or shellfish:

- could be infected with a [serious or notifiable disease](#)
- are dying in larger numbers or dying in a way you haven't seen before

Prevent the spread of disease in fish and shellfish

You can help control the spread of disease if you:

- follow [rules for imports](#)
- perform regular monitoring to spot disease early
- contain outbreaks as quickly as possible
- use good fish husbandry practice
- follow [rules when moving fish](#)

- keep health records using the [Finfish biosecurity logbook](#)
(PDF, 123KB, 7 pages)

- keep medicine records using the [Aquatic animal medicine record book](#)
(PDF, 254KB, 52 pages)

- follow a biosecurity measures plan:
 - [Shellfish biosecurity measures plan](#)
(PDF, 500KB, 28 pages)

 - [Finfish biosecurity measures plan](#)
(PDF, 325KB, 32 pages)

 - [Importer biosecurity measures plan](#)
(PDF, 244KB, 36 pages)

Control areas for notifiable disease outbreaks

If a notifiable disease is found, FHI puts controls in place to limit the spread of disease (these areas are known as confirmed designations).

If your fish or shellfish are in a control area you must:

- comply with any conditions issued by FHI
- get written permission from FHI to move fish or equipment (allow at least 5 working days)

Fish

Maps of areas with controls in place to limit the spread of

spring viraemia of carp (SVC):

2017

- [Warwickshire: Arden Lakes](#)
(PDF, 668KB, 3 pages)

Maps of areas with controls in place to limit the spread of koi herpesvirus disease (KHV):

2018

- [Church Lane Lake, Essex – 6 July](#)
(PDF, 416KB, 3 pages)
- [Newstead and Annesley Country Park, Nottingham – 6 July](#)
(PDF, 422KB, 3 pages)
- [Parkers Fishery Pools, West Midland – 6 July](#)
(PDF, 392KB, 3 pages)
- [Mawgan Porth Pools and Lake, Cornwall – 9 July](#)
(MS Word Document, 388KB)
- [Mill Farm Fishery, Hereford – 13 July](#)
(PDF, 403KB, 3 pages)
- [Holme Grange Fishery, Berkshire – 19 July](#)
(PDF, 402KB, 3 pages)
- [Clear Water Fisheries, Lancashire – 24 July](#)
(PDF, 632KB, 3 pages)
- [Trench Pool, Shropshire – 24 July](#)
(PDF, 746KB, 3 pages)

- [Old Hough Fishery, Cheshire – 25 July](#)
(PDF, 384KB, 3 pages)
- [Woodside Fishery, Hereford & Worcester – 31 July](#)
(PDF, 355KB, 3 pages)
- [Coopers Arms, Derby – 1 August](#)
(PDF, 443KB, 3 pages)
- [K Lakes, Skegness – 2 August](#)
(PDF, 368KB, 3 pages)
- [Martham Pits, Norfolk – 3 August](#)
(PDF, 484KB, 3 pages)
- [Ashland Lakes, Buckinghamshire – 7 August](#)
(PDF, 648KB, 4 pages)
- [Shadwell Pool, Greater London – 8 August](#)
(PDF, 707KB, 4 pages)
- [Locklands Lake, Lincoln – 9 August](#)
(PDF, 451KB, 4 pages)
- [Acton Park Lake, Wrexham – 13 August](#)
(PDF, 499KB, 4 pages)
- [Canvey Lake, Essex – 14 August](#)
(PDF, 834KB, 3 pages)
- [Stoneham Lakes, Hampshire – 17 August](#)
(PDF, 449KB, 3 pages)

- [Lakewood Fisheries, Scunthorpe – 29 August](#)
(PDF, 374KB, 3 pages)
- [Middle Pool, Shropshire – 18 September](#)
(PDF, 674KB, 4 pages)
- [Kippax Park, Leeds – 26 September](#)
(PDF, 456KB, 3 pages)
- [Gatton Waters, Norfolk – 28 September](#)
(PDF, 375KB, 3 pages)
- [Watmore Farm Fishery, Hampshire – 2 October](#)
(PDF, 556KB, 3 pages)
- [Orchard Lakes, Hampshire – 3 October](#)
(PDF, 478KB, 3 pages)
- [Broadlands Lake Complex, Hampshire – 5 October](#)
(PDF, 375KB, 3 pages)

2017

- [East Sussex: Swanborough Fishing Lakes](#)
(PDF, 657KB, 3 pages)
- [Surrey: The Lakeside](#)
(PDF, 1010KB, 3 pages)
- [East Yorkshire: Risby Park Fisheries](#)
(PDF, 690KB, 3 pages)
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[Kent: Mansfield Lake](#)
(PDF, 627KB, 3 pages)

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[Staffordshire: Meadows Fishery and Manor Park Fishery](#)
(PDF, 854KB, 3 pages)

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[Lancashire: Bannister House Fishery](#)
(PDF, 764KB, 3 pages)

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[Humberside: Newlake](#)
(PDF, 709KB, 3 pages)

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[West Yorkshire: Tyersal Hall Fishery](#)
(PDF, 636KB, 3 pages)

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[Hertfordshire: Willows Farm Fishery](#)
(PDF, 851KB, 3 pages)

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[East Yorkshire: Sam Hosticks Fisheries](#)
(PDF, 670KB, 3 pages)

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[Lancashire: Cleveley Bridge Fishery Complex](#)
(PDF, 851KB, 3 pages)

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[Kent: Danson Park](#)
(PDF, 1.18MB, 3 pages)

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[Hertfordshire: Frogmore Fishery](#)
(PDF, 728KB, 3 pages)

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[Berkshire: Windsor View Lakes](#)
(PDF, 565KB, 3 pages)

- [Derbyshire: Birch House Lakes](#)
(PDF, 511KB, 3 pages)
- [Shropshire: Monkhall Fishery](#)
(PDF, 460KB, 3 pages)
- [Berkshire: Lea Farm Lakes](#)
(PDF, 791KB, 3 pages)
- [London: Hampstead Heath Ponds](#)
(PDF, 1.83MB, 3 pages)
- [Essex: White Shots Reservoir](#)
(PDF, 662KB, 3 pages)
- [Lancashire: The Cunneries](#)
(PDF, 754KB, 3 pages)
- [Northamptonshire: Boating Lake](#)
(PDF, 1MB, 3 pages)
- [Essex: Cleverley Mere](#)
(PDF, 817KB, 3 pages)
- [Cambridge: Manderson Trust Lakes](#)
(PDF, 618KB, 3 pages)

2016

- [South Yorkshire: Lodge Farm Fisheries](#)
(PDF, 416KB, 3 pages)
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[Staffordshire: Coppice Lane Pools](#)

(PDF, 438KB, 3 pages)

Shellfish

You can use an interactive map ([Desktop](#). [Mobile](#)) to view shellfish disease controls across Great Britain.

Alternatively below are individual maps of control areas of each disease:

Bonamia ostreae

- [Anglesey and Caernarfonshire](#)
(PDF, 1.13MB, 3 pages)
- [Cornwall and Devon](#)
(PDF, 1020KB, 3 pages)
- [Dorset, Hampshire and Sussex](#)
(PDF, 1.16MB, 3 pages)
- [Kent and Essex](#)
(PDF, 1.46MB, 3 pages)
- [Pembrokeshire](#)
(PDF, 1.01MB, 3 pages)

Oyster herpesvirus

- [Essex and Kent](#)
(PDF, 613KB, 3 pages)
- [Poole Harbour Dorset](#)
(PDF, 4.09MB, 3 pages)
- [River Teign, Devon](#)

(PDF, 1.99MB, 3 pages)

Marteilia refringens

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[River Tamar, Cornwall and Devon](#)

(PDF, 385KB, 4 pages)

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[Detailed guide: Darwin Initiative: Fellowship Awards](#)

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portal.

Fellowship funding is aimed at building capacity in developing countries.

The Fellowship programme is intended to support Fellows to draw on UK technical and scientific expertise in the fields of biodiversity and sustainable development to broaden their knowledge and experience.

You can read more about a successful fellowship award in this [case study](#).

How to apply

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

Before applying, please read the [Guidance notes for applicants \(round 25\)](#) and the [The Darwin initiative: Fellowship award Flexi-Grant user guide](#).

Once you have read the guidance, complete the Darwin Fellowship Round 25 application form on the [Flexigrant application portal](#). For drafting purposes, you may find the [Darwin Fellowship Round 25 application form](#) (MS Word Document, 154KB)

useful.

When to apply

The timetable for Round 25 Darwin Fellowship Awards is set out below:

- application process opens: Tuesday 22 May 2018
- deadline for applications: Tuesday 13 November 2018
- expected notification of successful projects: February 2019
- expected start date for successful projects: From July 2019

Who can apply

Applications for Fellowship funding should come from an organisation (the Lead Organisation) and not an individual. There should be a named individual within the Lead Organisation responsible for the application, called the Project Leader. The host organisation where the individual will carry out the training or research must be in the UK.

The Lead Organisation:

- must have expertise in natural resource management
- can be either a public or private sector organisation
- should provide experts from within the organisation with a proven track record and at the forefront of their discipline(s) to work closely with or supervise the Fellow. This expertise is typically expected to be a minimum of 10 years of relevant experience

Darwin Fellowships will support promising individuals who:

- have a link with a recent or current Darwin Initiative project or
- are currently involved directly in the implementation of the key biodiversity conventions and agreements listed above

Further information is available in the guidance.

Funding available

Eligible costs (depending on the nature of the Fellowship) include a monthly subsistence, Lead organisation expenses, travel costs and fees for academic qualifications. Further information on Darwin Fellowship awards can be found in the Darwin Round 25 Guidance.

Case study

You can read more about a successful fellowship award in this [case study](#).