



# Sabin Snow Leopard Grant Program

The Andrew Sabin Family Foundation and Panthera have partnered to launch the new Sabin Snow Leopard Grants Program, which will provide up to \$100,000 a year to support *in situ* conservation projects on snow leopards. Awards of up to \$20,000 per project will be made for one year, but may be extended to subsequent years, contingent upon performance and results.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applications may be made by individuals, or institutions. In the latter case, the project leader must be identified and make the submission. Application is open to all qualified candidates but projects led by country nationals and/or in country NGOs will be given priority.

## SPECIES AND LOCATION

The Sabin Snow Leopard Grants Program supports applications for *in situ* conservation efforts on the snow leopard in Asia. Emphasis will be given to requests for field conservation and research activities, including:

- Applying interventions that directly and immediately mitigate threats to snow leopards including activities which measurably reduce the persecution of snow leopards by pastoralists and poachers, the illegal trade in snow leopards, and so on.
- Monitoring and Research. We are very interested in survey efforts in areas of the snow leopard's range for which there is limited or poor data, including developing baseline information on snow leopard populations; identifying and delineating important connections between known snow leopard populations; and undertaking basic research on snow leopard ecology where gaps exist.

## BUDGET GUIDELINES

The maximum allowable request is \$20,000 per annum. Panthera will consider local salaries, per diems, and stipends for local field personnel only; we will not fund salaries for core administrative and management personnel.

Graduate students are eligible to apply for field and project costs; tuition, bursaries, university living costs, etc. will not be considered by the Sabin Snow Leopard Grants Program.

Panthera does not support conferences, travel to scientific meetings, legal actions, overhead costs, academic exchanges, or captive breeding.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

Projects are evaluated on a competitive basis. Letters of Inquiry and applications are reviewed by Panthera staff and Panthera's Scientific Council, and may be sent for external review. Projects are evaluated in terms of the:

- Relevance to snow leopard conservation;
- Scientific merit and value; and
- Compatibility with Panthera's programmatic priorities.

## HOW TO APPLY

The application process opens with a call for Letters of Inquiry (LOIs). The LOI asks for the title and location of the proposed project, the target species, the project budget and the amount requested from Panthera, and an abstract of the project. Qualified students who submit LOIs for projects that appear to be a good fit for the program will be asked to submit a full application and supporting documents. Both LOIs and applications must be submitted through Panthera's grant management system, Foundant.

Applicants are only permitted to apply to one Panthera grant program per intake round. If you are seeking renewal for a previous grant, please contact us directly.

To apply online, visit [www.panthera.org/grants](http://www.panthera.org/grants).