

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.