Research Grant Application

Applications must be prepared in Times New Roman 10 pt. and cover a maximum of 2 sides of A4. Applications not conforming to these standards may be rejected. All the following areas must be addressed in the application and presented clearly using these subheadings:

1. Project Title
2. Investigator (name, title, address, phone number, E-mail address)
3. Executive Summary
4. Statement of problem and objective of project
5. Brief description of what is currently known about proposed project area, including reference to other relevant research
6. Project plan
7. Itemised budget (funding requested up to a maximum of £5000). Is the project proposed for F4T funding associated with any other on-going or proposed project or actions? What percentage of the project will be funded by F4T, if your application is successful?
8. Project schedule (starting and completion dates)
9. Relevant peer-review publications to support this proposal.
10. Significance of the proposed project to the Charitable Objects of Fund4Trees outlined below.

Charitable Objects of Fund4Trees
   a. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting sustainable treescapes.
   b. To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of trees in the physical and natural environment.
   c. To advance research for the public benefit in all aspects of trees and to publish useful results.

Deadlines
Deadlines for receiving proposals are June 1 and November 1 each year. Proposals received after these dates will be reserved and considered at the next deadline i.e. a proposal received on June 3 will be reserved for consideration on November 1.

Completed research proposal forms should be emailed to gabriel@fund4trees.org.uk

Criteria for Selection
All projects funded through Fund4Trees must be scientifically sound, meet our Charitable Objects, and provide accurate and unbiased information. Fund4Trees and its Research Advisory Committee will consider a wide range of research and technology transfer project types.

Please note grant funds may not be used to pay overhead expenses.

How your application will be assessed.

The Research Advisory Committee will evaluate projects using the following criteria:

1.   Potential impact of the project

    a.   Is the research need clearly stated?

    b.   Does the project address a problem/issue within the Fund4Trees Charitable Objects and priority areas?

2.   Approach

    a.   Is the project feasible and scientifically sound?

    b.   Are the proposed methods appropriate for successful completion of the project?

    c.   Are the resources available appropriate for successful completion of the project?

    d.   Is the project creative in its approach to the problem?

    e.   Is the technology transfer appropriate for the target audience?

3.   Performance

    a.   Do the investigators have the necessary qualifications, experience and skills to accomplish the project?

    b.   Is the project time frame realistic?

    c.   How will information gained from the project be disseminated?

4.   Funding

    a.   Would the requested funds, together with funds from other sources, be sufficient to complete the project?

    b.   Is an adequate explanation of funding use provided (including project budget in excess of grant requested)?

    c.   Are benefits proportional and appropriate to the costs of the project?

    d.   Are the funds matched by another provider or used to attract in-kind support from others?

    e.   Does the project increase interdisciplinary interaction and provide broader funding potential?