

From outside Belgium

GRANT TYPE 1 - Training in taxonomy and collection management & access to collections in Belgium

Who can apply?

If you are able to answer at least 4 times “yes” to the questions below, you are eligible to receive financial support from the Belgian Development Cooperation through the Belgian GTI program.

1. Does your project address clear taxonomic and/or curatorial components?
2. Does your project address priority taxonomic and/or curatorial key gaps of your country or region?
3. Does your project aim at building taxonomic and curatorial expertise in your country or region?
4. Are you a citizen of one of the priority partner countries of the Belgian Development Cooperation? Check out these countries by clicking here.
5. Are you in any way linked to a scientific institution with which the Belgian GTI NFP has a privileged relationship?

With what kind of project can I apply?

Only pure taxonomic projects (e.g. elaboration of checklists, taxonomic revisions, ...) or biodiversity assessment projects with a strong taxonomic component (e.g. inventory and monitoring of biodiversity,...) for which the grant seeker needs training or access to Belgium-based collections, expertise or infrastructure will be considered. Only extant taxa will be considered, with priority for zoological taxa.

How can I apply?

Grant seekers must submit a complete application form in English or French to the Belgian GTI tutor. The application form can be downloaded as a Word file from our website here, or can be provided by email to interested parties.

Electronic submission to the general email address of the Belgian GTI NFP (cbd-gti@naturalsciences.be) is strongly encouraged. Alternatively, if electronic submission should be impossible, paper copies can also be sent by ordinary mail to the postage address of the Belgian GTI NFP as mentioned on the application form.

All projects application form must be complemented with an up to date curriculum vitae.

All candidates will receive acknowledgment of receipt when the Belgian GTI NFP receives their application form.

When can I apply?

Project proposals can only be entered when a call for proposals is open. Generally a call for proposals is launched around the end of each calendar year whereby the call stays open for two months. After closure of the call the Belgian GTI National Focal Point takes about one month to review and select the received applications.

How will my project proposal be reviewed?

Successful projects demonstrate a firm commitment to increase human and institutional taxonomic and/or collection management capacity. The favorable outcome of the applications will depend on the quality of the submitted project, the quality of the candidate as judged from his CV, the eligibility of the candidate and the expertise, collections and infrastructure available at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences and in Belgium.

When will selected projects be executed?

Selected projects will be executed before the end of March of the calendar year following the launch of the call for proposals.

The Belgian GTI NFP will, via email, agree with the selected candidate on the time, duration and other practical modalities of the foreseen study visit. On average a study visit lasts 2-6 weeks, but longer periods are also possible, especially if the candidate can produce complementary funding.

What is covered by this grant?

The Belgian GTI NFP will cover all transport (both national and international), housing, insurance and daily allowance costs (35€/day) associated with the study visit to Belgium.

The selected candidate will also be assisted in regard to visa and other administrative procedures linked to the planned study visit.

Where can I get additional information?

Answers to the most common questions can be found in the FAQ section.

If you would still have an unanswered question, you can contact the Belgian GTI National Focal Point directly.

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