##

**ERASMUS DARWIN BARLOW EXPEDITIONS (EDBE) 2019**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**KEY DATES (all in 2019):**

**14th June** – application forms, CVs and referee letters due (1700; BST)

**18th June** – applicants short-listed for interview are notified

**20th and 21st June** – interviews held (up to 1 hour skype session)

**24th June** – successful applicants notified of final decision

**22nd July – 11th August** – proposed dates for EDBE expedition

**3rd September** – EDBE awards ceremony

**APPLICATION FORM**

**Please ensure that you have read the guidelines before completing this form.**  Word processed forms are acceptable but **must** follow the layout of this document exactly.

1. **Name of applicant:**
2. **Nationality of applicant:**
3. **If not UK national, please provide details of your visa requirements to visit the expedition location:**
4. **Details of applicant:**

Home address:

 Tel:

 Mobile:

 Email:

 Institutional address:

 Tel:

Mobile:
Email:

1. **Availability**

Please indicate below any dates for which you are **NOT available** during late July to early August 2019.

1. **Why are you interested in joining this expedition?**

Describe your motivations for joining this expedition **(200 words max).**

1. **What do you hope to gain from the expedition?**

Describe what you expect to achieve by taking part in the expedition, how it will benefit you personally and help to build your career **(200 words max).**

1. **Explain why the EDBE offers an opportunity that would not be available to you via alternative means (e.g. holiday, other travel grants etc.)? (100 words max).**
2. **Relevant expertise**
3. **Describe what skills or qualifications you can offer and how these will help achieve the broad aims of the expedition.** These may be ecological skills, but we are also particularly interested in other skills that will be useful for the expedition (e.g. technological, logistical, media or language skills). See section 1 of the application guidelines for the expedition aims, and **section 2.b for a list of relevant skills and qualifications** **(200 words max).**

**b. Please list any fieldwork trips or expeditions that you have been involved in over the last 5 years (no more than one sentence each).**

**c. Describe any previous experience planning a fieldwork campaign or trip abroad and how this experience would benefit the expedition (200 words max).**

**d. Experience in Latin American countries.** Please give details of any involvement that you have had in Latin America, including host institutions, collaborators or recreational visits. **Please note: previous association with the host country is not a requirement for applicants (150 words max).**

**e. Medical skills**. Please list any first aid training and medical qualifications that you have.

1. **Expedition planning**
2. **Risk Assessment**

Describe the main risks that you would consider before and during this expedition. Consider any logistical or cultural challenges you and your team might encounter. **(200 words).**

1. **Media outputs**

Describe the strategy you would personally take to highlight the expedition to the media, both before and after the expedition, using a £500 budget. What public facing outputs would you produce to highlight the achievements of the expedition and/or promote the work that has been done in the conservation of the species? (Creative and innovative suggestions are strongly encouraged**).** Please provide a short breakdown of your budget, highlighting the main costs you would expect to be involved in this media strategy. **(350 words)**

1. **Project report and other outputs**

The Society requires that all award winners submit a full report with details of the research undertaken and what they have gained from the expedition to the Society within **two months** of returning from the field.All successful applicants are also expected to attend the annual fundraising and award ceremony at ZSL to share their experiences.

[ ]  Please tick this box to show that you agree to submit this report if your application is successful.

[ ]  Please tick this box to show that you are willing to attend the annual fundraising and award ceremony if your application is successful.

1. **Referee statements**

 Two referee statements are required for each application. Referees should normally be the applicant’s current or previous employer, academic supervisor or manager in a professional capacity.

 Referees should return their statements by email by **14th June 2019**. Applicants are responsible for making sure that their referee statements arrive on time. ***These are very important: your application may be jeopardised if the referee statements do not arrive on time.***

 Names, and contact details of the referees:

Name:

 Address:

Tel:

 Email:

Name:

 Address:

 Tel:

 Email:

1. **Data Protection Act 1984**

[ ]  The information you have given on this form will be held on computer and may be released to other research planners, potential sponsors and/or the media. Please tick here if you **do not** wish to have this information released.

1. **Application submission – check list**

I enclose:

 One copy of this application form [ ]

 One copy of my CV [ ]

 I confirm that I have read the application guidelines: [ ]

1. **How did you hear about this expedition?**

Please tell us how you found out about this opportunity.

1. **Declaration**

The information submitted in this application is to the best of my knowledge correct at the time this application was made. I have informed my two referees that their statements should be returned directly to the Society by **14th June 2019**.

I understand that ZSL may change the details of the expedition or cancel I completely should this be deemed necessary.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The expedition may be physically challenging and carries with it risks that we cannot entirely eliminate. These include the risk of personal injury. Award winners will be required to sign ZSL risk assessments before joining the expedition.

**In order to ensure your safety during the expedition you must comply with the following rules:**

* You must act responsibly and sensibly at all times.
* You must follow any safety warnings or instructions displayed or given to you by a member of ZSL staff
* We are not qualified to express an opinion that you are fit to travel or to participate in the expedition. You must obtain professional or specialist advice from your doctor before participating.

In the absence of any negligence or other breach of duty by us, participation in the activities to be undertaken on the site visit is entirely at your risk.

[ ]  Please tick this box to show that if you are selected, you agree to the above and that ZSL accepts no legal, financial or moral liability for awardees.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

*Updated May 2019*