**The Zoological Society of London’s**

**EDGE of Existence Fellowship 2025**

Application Form

Application documents must be emailed to [fellows@edgeofexistence.org](mailto:fellows@edgeofexistence.org) by **23:59 (BST) on the 7th of July 2024.** Please enter “EDGE Fellowship application\_*your name*” as the email subject line when submitting your application.

Application documents must include:

* A completed and signed copy of this application form
* A map of the project site
* A copy of your CV (no more than two A4 sides)
* A recent photograph of yourself
* A copy of your risk assessment (using the ZSL template)
* Evidence of English competency (*only if English is not your first language*)
* Proof of your SCUBA diving skills - a scanned copy of your qualification card/certificate is sufficient. (*if applicable*)

In addition, you must arrange for two letters of support from referees to be emailed to [fellows@edgeofexistence.org](mailto:fellows@edgeofexistence.org), with “EDGE Fellowship Reference\_*your name*” as the subject of the email by **23:59 (BST) on the 7th of July 2024.** One of these references must be from your in-country supervisor.

**Section 1**

1. Applicant name:
2. Organisation name (if applicable. *E.g. NGO, University*) and your current position within this organisation, including whether it is full or part time, paid or unpaid.
3. Address:
4. Primary email address:
5. Telephone (*with international and area codes*):
6. Applicant nationality:
7. Have you applied before (*if yes, please state the year & species)*:
8. Date Application submitted (*dd/mm/yyyy*):

1. Name of project

*Max 12 words*

1. EDGE species involved (*Common and scientific name, and primary local name, if known*):
2. Is this species included in the [2024 curated](https://www.edgeofexistence.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-curated-lists.xlsx) EDGE list? What is the species row number?

Yes/No*(please delete as appropriate)*  
EDGE species row number *(Excel spreadsheet row number)*:

1. Please list your project advisors, their organisation and a description of their role in the proposed project

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| **Name of advisor and email address** | **Associated organisation** | **Role in this proposed project** |
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1. Project location *(please describe the country & region and give the location of any planned project sites with latitude & longitude coordinates where possible. You must include a map below*):

**Section 2**

For any project likely to involve SCUBA diving, please provide the following information *(all other applicants continue to Section 3)*.

1. SCUBA diving certification level:
2. Number of dives:
3. Date of last dive:
4. Date of last diving medical examination:
5. Do you have previous experience in scientific diving (reef surveys, etc.)?

**Section 3**

1. Project background (*Include distribution, population trends, threats, IUCN Red List category and other relevant information)*

*Max 300 words*

1. Aim/Vision:

*Max 100 words*

1. Project information *(Include your aims, methods and outputs, as well as assistance needed; add more rows as required)*

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| Objective | Method | Output | Support required |
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**Section 4**

1. How did you find out about the EDGE Fellowship programme? Please provide as much information as possible.
2. What are your main motivations for applying for the EDGE Fellowship programme? (*Max 200 words*)

*Max 200 words*

1. What are your expectations of the EDGE Fellowship Programme? (*Max 200 words*)

*Max 200 words*

1. What do you hope to gain from completing the EDGE Fellowship programme? (*Max 300 words*):

*Max 300 words*

1. How will your project benefit an EDGE species? (*Max 300 words)*

*Max 300 words*

1. How will you work with local organisations, communities, or other stakeholders during this project?

*Max 150 words*

1. Will your project aim to understand or benefit local people's livelihoods or well-being?

*Max. 150 words*

1. Is this project part of a wider conservation project or academic course? If yes, please explain how it fits into the wider project?

*Max. 150 words*

**Section 5**

1. Proposed project start and end date:
2. Outline the timetable for project activities with project milestones (please follow the template shown in the application guidelines):

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1. Budget for 2-year Fellowship project
2. Budget table (please follow the template):

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| **Detailed expenditure** | **Cost calculation** | **Total (£)** | **Requested from EDGE** | **Matched funder 1 (if applicable)** | **Matched funder 2 (if applicable)** |
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\* Please add additional columns as required.

1. If there are any aspects for which you do not yet have funding, please detail how you expect to cover these costs:
2. Are any permissions/permits required?
3. Have you carried out an appropriate Risk Assessment? Please use the template on the [EDGE website](https://www.edgeofexistence.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/EDGE_Risk_assessment_2024.docx) and include it in your application.

Yes/No *(please delete as appropriate)*

1. Can you attend the 4-week Conservation Tools training course outside your home country in the first quarter of 2025? (A*ttendance on the course is compulsory)*

Yes/No *(please delete as appropriate)*

1. References (please list all references cited and used to inform your proposal).

**Declaration:**

I declare that I have written the presented application myself and the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge, correct at the time it was submitted.

I have asked two referees (one from your in-country project supervisor) to send their statements by email directly to [fellows@edgeofexistence.org](mailto:fellows@edgeofexistence.org).

If any significant developments arise after this application is made, I will keep the EDGE team informed. If this project is postponed or cancelled after receiving an EDGE Fellowship, I will return the grant awarded.

*Signature\*:*

*Date:*

\*Clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable.

**Application Checklist:**

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| **Have you:** | **Check** |
| Read guidance notes and are satisfied that you and your project fit the eligibility criteria? |  |
| Completed every part of the application form, keeping to word limits |  |
| Signed the application form |  |
| Included a map of your project location |  |
| Included a copy of your CV |  |
| Included a recent photograph of you |  |
| Included a copy of your risk assessment |  |
| Included proof of your SCUBA diving skills (if applicable) |  |
| Included proof of your English skills |  |
| Asked 2 referees to email letters of support to [fellows@edgeofexistence.org](mailto:fellows@edgeofexistence.org) by the deadline |  |