

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

The Jane Goodall Research Award (JGRA) for
graduate students investigating great ape
populations in Africa or Asia.

2018-2019



the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada



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Mission Statement

The Jane Goodall Institute of Canada (JGI) mission statement:

1. Improving global understanding and treatment of great apes through research, public education, and advocacy
2. Contributing to the preservation of great apes and their habitats by combining conservation with education and promotion of sustainable livelihoods in local communities
3. Creating a global network of young people who have learned to care deeply for their human community, for all animals and for the environment, and who will take responsible action to care for them.

Background

The Jane Goodall Research Award (JGRA) focuses on providing financial support to graduate students investigating great ape populations in Africa or Asia. Preference will be for: female researchers just starting their careers (i.e. 'the next generation of Janes'); students from Canada, Africa, or Asia; and projects investigating how community conservation efforts undertaken by the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada (JGI) are impacting great ape populations. It is expected that by funding these researchers and projects, it will be possible to better determine great ape conservation priorities, support the professional development of primatologists, and quantify the effect of work done by the JGI on the health and wellbeing of sympatric communities of great apes and humans.

Annual Value of the Award

- \$5,000

Eligibility to Apply

- Must be a registered full-time graduate student at Western University
- Must commit to a research project that deals directly with investigating great ape populations in Africa or Asia
- Must be a citizen of Canada, a country in Africa or a country in Asia

Selection Process

The following criteria will be considered in the application review process:

- Ensure that the research project meets the goals of the JGRA
- The capability of the applicant to undertake the research

The Jane Goodall Research Award review committee will comprise reviewers from the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada and/or Western faculty leaders familiar with the proposed graduate research.

How to Apply

1. The Application Form

- a. **Statement of Interest** – (maximum 250 words) provide a statement that describes why you are interested in investigating great ape populations in Africa or Asia.
- b. **Lay Summary** – (maximum 100 words) provide a descriptive lay summary of the research project.
- c. **Research Project** – (maximum 1,500 words) provide a summary of the research project. Provide background information to position your proposed research within the context of the current knowledge in the field. Your research must be part of an overall research program that lies in a field that relates to work that has been or is currently being undertaken by the JGI. These include diverse research fields ranging from studies of great ape biology and behavior through geographic investigations of their forest habitats to applied work in community conservation.

2. **Curriculum Vitae** – provide an up to date Curriculum Vitae.

Completed application packages to be submitted by January 29, 2019.

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Electronic Applications may be submitted to: edaley2@uwo.ca

Conditions for Acceptance and Continuance of the Scholarship

- Recipients will be required to provide Dr. Shawn Lehman (shawn.lehman@utoronto.ca) with a 3-4 page lay summary report on their study outcomes as well as a sample of photos of their research in the field. This must be done within two months of the completion of the project.
 - Note: these materials may be used as part of a research advertising campaign for JGI.
- In addition, recipients may be invited to make a short presentation on their research project.

Jane Goodall Research Award (JGRA) APPLICATION FORM

*Please complete this application form, your Statement of Interest, and Lay Summary.
Attach additional pages for your Research Project and Curriculum Vitae.*

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Name:

Student ID:

Degree:

Department:

Gender: Female Male

You are welcome to provide your self-chosen gender identity here:

Citizen of: Canada a country in Africa a country in Asia

Project focus: Your project will investigate how community conservation efforts undertaken by JGI are impacting great ape populations.

Project Title:

Key Words to Describe Project (maximum of six):

Signature of Student:

Date:

Graduate Student Supervisor:

Email:

Signature of Supervisor:

Date:

1.a. STATEMENT OF INTEREST (maximum 250 words)

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1.b. LAY SUMMARY (maximum 100 words)

Provide a descriptive lay summary of the research project.

NOTE: Please attach your Research Project and Curriculum Vitae as separate pages.