



PACIFIC ISLANDS BIRD CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH FUND CRITERIA

The **Pacific Islands Bird Conservation and Research Fund** (PIBCRF) was created in 2008 to support conservation management and research on bird species classed as endangered by BirdLife International and breeding on islands in the South Pacific, but excluding New Zealand. The Fund is administered by the J S Watson Trust through the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand and is a result of a working partnership between Birds New Zealand and Forest & Bird.

Interest is invited from scientists and others in New Zealand and in the South Pacific, to support specific studies or training activities that may be funded from the PIBCRF.

Applications shall be considered according to the following criteria:

1. Conservation management activities and research investigations on birds classed as “endangered” by BirdLife International and breeding on islands in all South Pacific islands having sovereign independence, and also the Cook Islands, Tokelau and Niue and those in the seas around them, excluding the New Zealand mainland and islands within the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone.
2. Funding may be applied to bird and habitat management activities or research that enhances the sustainability of endangered bird populations on South Pacific islands, or to support the training of indigenous island residents at practical courses within New Zealand or in the Pacific islands, in applicable management techniques by suitably qualified organisations or persons.
3. As a general guide, a grant shall not exceed \$5,000. One or more grants may be awarded at any one time at the discretion of the J S Watson Trust.
4. Funds will not be allocated to support the attendance of persons at conferences or meetings, other than those where there is a transfer of information and/or practical techniques for application in the field of bird management.
5. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens (or Permanent Residents), or citizens, or residents of any of the eligible Pacific island countries as defined above.
6. Preference will be given to applicants who are a Member of Birds New Zealand (any membership class), or the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand. Applicants should specify their membership status.
7. Applications must include a project title, project objective/s, a concisely written description of activities (max. 100 words), a project timeframe and a simple budget.
8. Applications open **1 February** and should be emailed **not later than 30 March** to the Executive Officer of Birds New Zealand, eo@birds.nz.org.nz.
9. Birds New Zealand reserves the right to request comments from the Society’s Scientific Committee on any application.

Within 12 months of receiving the grant, the recipients will be required to provide a summary report on their research or training work, suitable for publication in the *Birds New Zealand* magazine and the Society’s website. Scientific papers resulting from a grant shall in the first instance be offered to Birds New Zealand for publication in the *Notornis* journal. Reports may also be published by Forest & Bird.