



The Shark Conservation Fund (SCF) is a collaboration of philanthropists dedicated to solving the global shark and ray crisis. Our goal is to halt the overexploitation of the world's sharks and rays, prevent extinctions and restore imperiled species through strategic and catalytic grantmaking. SCF is a sponsored project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc., a registered 501c3 public charity. Our objectives are to:

1. **Ensure effective regulation of global trade in shark and ray products** through listing the top species of sharks and rays in global trade on CITES Appendices and implementing those listings;
2. **Prevent the extinction of the most imperiled sharks and rays** by enhancing legal protections in priority countries and at international forums; and
3. **Combat unsustainable shark and ray fishing globally** through the adoption and implementation of conservation and management measures through international forums and in priority countries.

The Small Grant Fund supports these objectives by providing grants that do not exceed \$20,000 and are one-year in duration. Up to 5 grants may be funded through this request for proposals. There is no guarantee that the submission of a Small Grant proposal will lead to funding.

Types of projects eligible for Small Grants include:

- Emerging conservation opportunities;
- Small scientific studies, reports, or evaluations that are **directly linked** to efforts to advance shark and ray conservation policy;
- Scoping larger shark and ray conservation and management projects; and
- Capacity building for small NGOs, especially in developing countries.

Priority will be given to:

1. **Applicants** that have not previously received funding from the SCF;
2. **Projects** that help implement the SCF's **investment strategy, especially projects that implement listings of sharks and rays on CITES;**
3. **Projects** that are directly linked to efforts to improve shark and ray conservation policy; and
4. **Small** NGOs in developing countries.

Existing SCF grantees are not eligible to receive a Small Grant, but former SCF grantees are eligible. Only individuals, or groups of individuals, associated with a non-profit organization or an academic institution are eligible to receive funding. Undergraduate and graduate students may receive funding for discrete projects that will lead directly to improved shark and ray conservation and will produce results in one year. Only one application per entity will be

considered if the applicant is a nonprofit organization, but multiple applications from individuals associated with an academic institution will be considered.

To apply, please complete a Letter of Interest form by **5:00 pm ET Monday, April 26, 2021**. The Letter of Interest form opens on **Monday, April 5, 2021 at 10:00 am ET**.

If a proposal is requested, applicants will be notified by **Monday, May 3, 2021** and asked to complete an on-line application form by **Monday, May 31, 2021**, also by **5:00 pm EST**.

You may access the SCF online application portal [here](#). Please note the Letter of Interest form will not be available prior to Monday, April 5, 2021.

For more information, read our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact info@sharksandrays.org. To view our successful Small Grant projects, [click here](#).