



THE IRIS PRIZE 2025

Application Form

Please return the completed form to prize@theirisproject.org.

The Prize and Eligibility

Please select which prize you would like to apply for*

The Seed Prize
 The Stem Prize
 The Iris Prize

Before you apply, please read the award criteria to check you edibility* tick to confirm

I have read the awards criteria and am eligible to apply

About You

Please tell us about yourself (the person applying)

Nominee Type*

Individual
 Team
 Organisation

Gender Identification

Male
 Female
 Non-binary
 Transgender
 Prefer not to say

Full name*

Date of birth* DD/MM/YYYY

Email*

Phone* including country code

Your preferred language to communicate in? *

If you make it to an interview will you require a translator?

* Yes No

Address * include country/region

Where can we find you on social media? please list usernames for LinkedIn, Instagram, TikTok, ect.

Affiliated organisation(s) or individual(s) if applicable

Primary Contact

You only need to complete this section if the information differs from that entered above.

Contact's full name

Affiliated organisation(s) or individual(s)

Email

Phone* including country code

Project information

Please tell us about your project.

Project name*

Website*

Company/charity number if applicable

Where can we find the project on social media? please list usernames for LinkedIn, Instagram, TikTok, ect.

Where is your project based * include country/region

What thematic concerns does your project address * for example reforestation, oceans, sustainable infrastructure ect.

Describe the problem that your proposed / existing project is hoping to address * 0 - 150 words

Please outline how addressing this problem will support the Iris Project's core principles of protecting and restoring nature and the rights of those working to defend it. This should include:

- A brief description of the problem
- Where the problem is occurring
- What impact the problem is having in your local community

Summarise what the solution is and how it addresses the problem that you have outlined* 0 - 200 words

This should include:

- A brief description of the solution
- The impact that you hope the solution will have
- What that solution will mean for your local community

Please be sure to consider the negative impacts that your solution might have (such as on people and their livelihoods, or on other aspects of the local environment) and account for how you might address these.

Summarise the role that young people will play in delivering your proposed solution* 0 - 150 words

We are looking to support young people around the world in their efforts to protect and restore nature in their local communities. We will therefore reward proposals that provide a clear and age-appropriate role for young people to play – including in leadership positions - that can help us inform and support the engagement of young people with nature protection and restoration around the world.

Summarise how your project acknowledges diversity and inclusion?* 0 - 200 words

We want to promote diversity, inclusivity and accessibility throughout the Iris Prize winners. Explain how your project or idea is respectful of diversity and inclusion.

Answer this question based on the Prize Category you are applying for. 0 - 200 words

SEED PRIZE: Winning the Seed Prize would help turn your idea into reality. What would be your first steps in making this happen?

STEM PRIZE: As a new project leader, you understand the challenges of getting a project off the ground. How would winning the Stem Prize help strengthen your project's ability to create a lasting impact?

IRIS PRIZE: As an Iris Prize applicant your project is ready for a new phase. Please outline how you plan to scale or replicate your project. Please mention any partnerships or collaborations you have built.

How to submit your application

You're all done! Please now send your completed application form to prize@theirisproject.org.

If you've printed the form and filled it in with a pen, please scan or clearly photograph each page and send it to us.

We are inviting all applicants to submit one supplementary document to support the answers that have been provided to the questions above.

For example: articles to demonstrate the impact that the project has had / is hoping to have in protecting and restoring nature, the support that it has from the local community, the role that young people have played in developing it etc.

If you wish to provide this, please attach it to the email to prize@theirisproject.org, along with this application form.



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Eligibility Criteria

If you can answer YES to the following questions, you are eligible to apply for the Iris Prize.

General

- Do you support the principle of protecting and restoring nature, and the rights of those working to defend it?
- Are you an individual, team, organisation or partnership / consortium?
- Can you confirm that you are not applying on behalf of a Government organisation?
- Are you currently between the ages of 14-24?

Your project

- Is your (proposed or existing) project run by young people who have (or will have) the responsibility to make organisational-level decisions?
- Is your (proposed or existing) project grassroots and locally-led?
- Does your (proposed or existing) project tackle issues that the local community finds important?
- Is your (proposed or existing) project respectful of diversity and inclusion? Be prepared to explain how.
- Do you fulfil the criteria of one or more of the following prizes:
 - Age 14-24. You have an idea for a project that will protect and / or restore nature, but have not yet set it up.
 - Age 16-24. You have started up a project that is trying to protect and / or restore nature, but only on a small scale.
 - Age 16-24. You have successfully established a project that functions to protect and / or restore nature, and it has potential to grow and be replicated elsewhere.

Personal details

- Are you able to provide a registered physical and email address that we can contact you at?
- Can you provide details of two referees to support your project?

Working with the Iris Project

- Do you agree to work closely with the Iris Project advisory panel to decide how any grant funding you receive will be spent, and to only spend that money on activities relating to the project that it has been awarded for?
- Do you agree to work closely with the Iris Project advisory panel to develop and work through a capacity-building programme that supports the development of your project?
- Do you agree to work closely with the Iris Project staff to develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation framework for your proposed or existing project?
- Should you win an Iris Prize, do you agree to represent the Iris Project in a respectful and collaborative manner?