

Applicant: **corbett, ernestine**
Organisation: **Department of Environment**
Funding Sought: **£53,459.00**

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Sovanye Ajhermae White

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Section 1 - Contact Details

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GMS ORGANISATION

Type	Organisation
Name	Department of Environment
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Address	[REDACTED]

Section 2 - Title, Dates & Budget Summary

Q3. Name and official address of proposed Darwin Plus Fellow

Include email details where available.

Name	Sovanye Ajhermae White
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Address	[REDACTED]
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Email Address	[REDACTED]
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Q4. Summary of proposed Fellowship i.e. Outcome

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Q5. UKOT involved

Q5a. Please state which UKOT(s) will be involved with the Fellowship?





Montserrat

Q5b. Have you included a letter of support from the relevant OT Government(s) and/ or

OT-based civil society organisation?

Yes

Please provide a combined PDF of all letters of support

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Q6. Project dates

Start date:

08 September 2023

End date:

30 September 2024

Duration (e.g. 1 year, 2 months):

13 months

Q7. Budget summary

	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	Total
Darwin funding request (Apr - Mar)	37,176	16,283.00	0.00	£ 53,459.00





Please complete the template below which provides the Budget for this application.

[Budget form for projects under £100,000](#)

[Budget form for projects over £100,000](#)

NB: Please state all costs by financial year (1 April to 31 March) and in GBP. Darwin Plus cannot agree any increase in grants once awarded.

Please upload your completed Budget Form Excel spreadsheet using the field below.

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Section 3 - Principals

Q8. Principals in the Fellowship





Please give the details of the individuals from the applicant and host organisations (and other institutions if relevant) who would be directly involved in supervising/ working with the Darwin Plus Fellow.

Details	Project Leader	Other Expert	Other Expert	Other Expert
Surname	Corbett	Hart	Cugniere	<i>No Response</i>
Forename(s)	Ernestine	Tom	Laure	<i>No Response</i>
Post held	Director of Environment	Penguinologist	Project Coordinator	<i>No Response</i>
Organisation	Department of Environment	University of Oxford	University of Oxford	<i>No Response</i>
Email	██████████	██████████	██████████	<i>No Response</i>

Do you require more fields?

No

Please provide a one page CV for each of these named individuals, including the Fellow named at Question 3, uploaded as one PDF.

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Section 4 - Aims, Activities & Achievements

Q9. Describe briefly the aims, activities and achievements of the proposed Fellow's employing organisation.

Large institutions please note this should describe your unit or department.

The aims of the Department of Environment are:

- To strengthen public awareness in environmental, natural resources, climate change and conservation matters using print and electronic media
- Conserve and manage the sustainable use of biodiversity through the implementation of the Conservation and Environmental Management Act.

Activities include:

- Monitoring species
- Public education
- Developing green spaces
- Conducting forest patrols
- Propagating tree seedlings
- Implement conservation action plans
- Environmental scoping
- EIA compliance and monitoring
- Monitoring human activities e.g. sand mining

Achievements include:

Assisting with the development of Climate Change Action Plan, Conservation and Environmental Management Act (2014) and Sand mining rehabilitation Plan.

The department has also conserved multiple species, including the Montserrat Oriole and the Mountain Chicken.

Q10. Describe briefly the proposed Fellow's current role within their organisation and what relevance this has to one or more of the main themes of Darwin Plus.

Miss White is an Environment Officer within the Department of Environment. Her role entails general environmental management and covers all of the four broad themes. Direct roles include:

- Monitoring Human activities that affect the environment
 - Planning and directing activities to ensure conservation, management and development of biodiversity
 - Promoting and conducting environmental educational programs
 - Coordinating data collection from field research
 - Managing the implementation of species action plans
 - Preparing or assisting in the preparation of technical reports
 - Promoting land use management practices
 - Coordinating and organizing environmental projects (including external donor supported projects)
 - Managing project budgets
- (Among other responsibilities)

Section 5 - Outcomes & Objectives

Q11. Provide a concept note on the Fellowship. This should include:

Q11a. A clear outline of the aim and objectives of the Fellowship

The fellow will read a Master's in Biodiversity and Conservation at one of 3 Universities in the UK, The University of Exeter (campus in Jersey), The University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge. The aim of this fellowship is to improve and develop skills in conservation and environmental protection. The objectives are:

1. Learn and understand the process of Environmental scoping.
2. Expand my knowledge and skills on how to devise conservation, recovery and management plans for a species
3. Learn how to analyse data on species surveys to find out population numbers and whether or not a species is in decline or to see if conservation measures put in place are working
4. Be able to apply conservation measures that have been carried out for different taxon, for example birds and reptiles
5. Understand methods of sustainable development that would not compromise biodiversity
6. To improve skills in fieldwork to include species surveying and monitoring.
7. To understand how to mitigate against the numerous forces that drive biodiversity loss
8. Learn to use equipment, tools and methods that aid in data collection
9. To understand biodiversity on a deeper level and how the connections between taxon work
10. To enhance my knowledge on methods in which policy can be used as a tool to safeguard habitats and species
11. To improve skills in research and experiment design

Q11b. The role of the applicant and/or host organisation, and others where relevant

The applicant will be facilitating any research that the fellow will be perusing on Montserrat by issuing a research permit to the Fellow.

Q11c. Where appropriate, how the Fellowship will contribute towards one or more of the four of the four themes of Darwin Plus in the OTs i.e. what the expected outcome of the Fellowships will be.

The fellow will return to Montserrat to work as an Environment Officer. They will use their knowledge and skills to enact species action plans to conserve Montserrat's endemic species to include the Montserrat Galliwasp and the Montserrat Oriole, among others to preserve the island's biodiversity. After expanding her knowledge in the conservation field she should be better able to assist the Department of Environment to effectively control the many invasive species that impact Montserrat's biota. She will be involved in monitoring other species found on Montserrat and analysing data to identify threats to them and to put conservation measures in place to prevent species population decline.

The fellow will be sharing her knowledge with the Department of Environment so that the department will be better equipped at conservation and data collection.

The preservation of ecosystems on the island will contribute to climate change adaptation because the ecosystem services that the natural environment offers protects the island from the effects of climate change, for example, flood prevention, land slide prevention and watershed protection.

Section 6 - Legacy & Collaboration

Q12. Legacy

Provide information on how the Fellow will utilise, promote and disseminate the benefits of the Fellowship. Will a strategy be developed during the Fellowship to ensure this is achieved?

The following utilise the benefits of the fellowship by:

1. Steering Montserrat's development in a sustainable path
2. Educating the public in the importance of biodiversity and sustainable development.
3. Conserving Montserrat's endemic species
4. Monitoring the well-being of species on Montserrat
5. Assisting with the identification of known and unknown species on Montserrat
6. Raising awareness of the importance of biodiversity and to encourage others to enter the environmental/conservation field
7. Assisting in Environmental Impact Assessments that are required for development projects
8. Influencing policy decisions in relation to safeguarding the environment

Q13. Priorities

How will the Fellowship assist the OT's environmental priorities? Please refer to international or national environmental conventions, treaties, agreements, strategies and/or action plans relevant to the OT as appropriate.

In Montserrat, the volcanic eruptions in the past 27 years have caused the island to lose its capital Plymouth. This has caused the relocation of people and the development in the north of the island. The loss of habitats in the south of the island and the new human activities in the north of this small island is causing increased pressure on biodiversity. Therefore, gaining knowledge and skills in conservation will help the island to redevelop sustainably. Conserving biodiversity in Montserrat abides with the Conservation and Environmental Management Act (CEMA) 2014, which is the environmental legislation on the island. This fellowship will contribute to the conservation of the biodiversity of Caribbean and the Globe since Montserrat has many endemic species and there are many migratory species that move throughout the Americas and the globe. This falls in line with numerous multilateral treaties including CITES, CMS and CBD which the UK are signatories to (CITES and CMS were extended to Montserrat).

Q14. Collaboration

What collaboration has there been with the proposed Fellow to date in developing the proposal, and what collaboration is planned for the duration of the Fellowship? Where relevant, describe any consultation or collaboration by the proposed Fellow within their own territory.

The Department of Environment will facilitate any research that the fellow undertakes on the island. The fellow will be supervised by the applicant when the Master's course is complete.

Q15. Where will the Fellow be based?

Please be specific with organisational details and dates (where more than one location).

Jersey, University of Oxford or University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom





Section 7 - Programme of Work

Q16. Provide a programme of work, including key milestones, through the duration of the Fellowship.

Provide a project implementation timetable that shows the key milestones in project activities.

Implementation Timetable Template

For each activity (add/remove rows as appropriate) indicate the number of quarters it will last, and fill/shade only the quarters in which an activity will be carried out.

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Section 8 - Certification

Certification

On behalf of the

Company

of

Government of Montserrat, Department of Environment

I apply for a grant of



I certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements made by us in this application are true and the information provided is correct. I am aware that this application form will form the basis of the project schedule should this application be successful.

(This form should be signed by an individual authorised by the applicant institution to submit applications and sign contracts on their behalf.)

- I enclose one page CVs for project principals, cover letter, budget, implementation timetable, and letters of support as requested in the Guidance Notes.

Checked

Name


Ernestine Corbett

Position in Organisation

Director of Environment

Signed


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Dated

17 October 2022

Section 9 - Submission Checklist

I have read the Guidance documents, including the "Guidance Notes for Applicants" and "Finance Guidance". Checked

I have read, and can meet, the current Terms and Conditions for this fund. Checked

I have provided actual start and end dates for my project. Checked

I have provided a budget based on UK government financial years i.e. 1 April – 31 March and in GBP. Checked

The application has been signed by a suitably authorised individual (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable). Checked

I have checked the Darwin Plus website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates. Checked

I have provided the relevant letters of support, cover letter, implementation timetable, and CVs with this application. Checked

I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on the Darwin Plus website. Checked

We would like to keep in touch!

Please check this box if you would be happy for the lead applicant (Flexi-Grant Account Holder) and project leader (if different) to be added to our mailing list. Through our mailing list we share updates on upcoming and current application rounds under the Darwin Initiative, Darwin Plus and our sister grant scheme, the IWT Challenge Fund. We also provide occasional updates on other UK Government activities related to biodiversity conservation and share our quarterly project newsletter. You are free to unsubscribe at any time.

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Project Title: Sovanye White reading Master's in Biodiversity and Conservation

	Activity	No. of months	Year 1 (23/24)				Year 2 (24/25)				Year 3 (25/26)				Year 4 (26/27)				Year 5 (27/28)			
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2.6	Global Conservation Strategies and Legislation																					
2.7	Islands and Climate Change																					
2.8	Island conservation in action																					
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