



**APPLICATION FOR 2007
YOUNG SCIENTISTS RESEARCH GRANTS
ON GREAT APES OF AFRICA - GRASP**



Please fill in and sign your application and mail it to your MAB National Committee in your home country for endorsement before it is sent to: *MAB Secretariat, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO, 1, rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France*. Applications must be received by UNESCO **no later than 30 June 2006 to be eligible. ONLY APPLICATIONS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH ARE ACCEPTED.**

1. Last name: _____ 2. First name: _____

3. Date of birth: _____ 4. Sex: Male / Female

5. Nationality: _____ 6. Profession: _____

7. Complete address:

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

8. Educational qualifications:

Institution	Date	Degree/Diploma
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

9. Previous research experience: _____

10. Country where research is to be undertaken (in case the study is planned in countries other than the applicants home country, please attach written evidence to indicate the support of the MAB National Committee concerned):

11. Title of study: _____

12. Summary description of the proposed research study. Highlight main purposes, methods and expected results of the research to be undertaken. If necessary, you may add up to two more pages (no additional material, e.g. certificates, articles, CV, etc. should be annexed to the application):

13. Indicate if and how the proposed study will relate/contribute to your country's MAB Programme

a) Is the research site in a UNESCO designated biosphere reserve? Yes ___/No ___

If so, in which biosphere reserve? _____

14. Expected starting date and duration of the study _____

15. Expected date for submission of final report to MAB National Committee, or UNESCO National Commission

16. Name(s) of institution(s) associated with the study and support provided by the institution(s)

17. Estimated cost of the proposed study and amount requested from UNESCO-MAB. (Individual research grants will be made available up to an amount of US \$5,000. Smaller requests have greater chances of approval. Please clearly indicate the total amount requested, and a breakdown of expenditures, in US \$.)

(date) (Signature of Applicant)

NB: Your application must be signed on page 4 by your MAB National Committee before it is sent to UNESCO.

APPLICATION ENDORSED BY PRESIDENT / SECRETARY OF MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR SUBMISSION TO UNESCO

(date)	(Signature of President/Secretary of the MAB National Committee)
MAB address:	
(Name of President/Secretary of the MAB National Committee)	
Tel: _____	
Fax: _____	
E-mail: _____	

NOTE TO MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND APPLICANTS

Criteria for endorsement and selection of GRASP Young Scientists Research Grants

- To be eligible, research grant applications must be made on the attached GRASP Young Scientists Research Grants application form (in English or French) and be endorsed by the applicant's MAB National Committee, which may endorse only three applications per year:
 - Two applications from applicants who are not older than 35 years of age (at the closing date of the application) and one application from an applicant who is not older than 40 years of age (at the closing date of the application). If only two applications are endorsed by the MAB National Committee, then the two applicants should not be older than 35 years of age.
- Priority is given to research study proposals using great apes populations in or around biosphere reserves, which can be used as pilot studies and demonstration areas.
- Only applicants from the 15 least of the 21 African countries that are range States of great apes are eligible.
- Awards are set at a maximum of US \$5,000 each.
- Research supported by an Award should be completed within 2 years.
- Candidates must accept to submit reports of Award funded research to the MAB Secretariat in Paris and to their MAB National Committees, and agree to the possibility of UNESCO publishing the results of their research.
- International travel expenditures are usually not covered under these grants.

Payment Procedure for MAB Awards

Award payments are split into three instalments:

- 1st payment: Upon receipt and approval by UNESCO of two signed copies of the Letter of Agreement accompanied by a calendar of activities for the research study.
- 2nd payment: Upon receipt and approval by UNESCO of a status report regarding the research study.
- 3rd payment: Upon receipt and approval by UNESCO of a final report (duly signed by the MAB National Committee) including a three-page summary of the report with photos for inclusion on the UNESCO-MABNet; as well as a letter authorizing UNESCO to use the information from the report in UNESCO publications and on the UNESCO-MABNet.

Application forms for GRASP Young Scientists Grants are available from: MAB Secretariat, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences,
UNESCO

1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France. E-mail: mab@unesco.org
Research Grants to Young Scientists on Great Apes on the Web: <http://www.unesco.org/mab/bursaries/grasp.shtml>