



Friends of the Island Fox

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Conservation / Research Grant Application 2026

FIF's mission is to bring together conservation professionals and concerned private citizens to create public awareness about the island fox and to support education, research, and conservation measures to ensure the island fox's continued survival.

FIF is accepting Research Grant applications through June 15, 2026 for requests up to \$7,000. Applicants will be notified by August 1, 2026.

FIF welcomes proposals to fund all aspects of a project, however, we prioritize funding items that directly relate to executing research—such as supplies, lab analyses, etc.—and that facilitate data collection and generating findings. Previous projects at <http://www1.islandfox.org/p/island-fox-research.html>.

To apply compile the following in a single document (pdf or MS Word) with a single-page budget (included or attached pdf or Excel). Submit to grants@islandfox.org (subject line: FIF Research Grant 2026)

1. Applicant/Principal Investigator's name & contact info (address, phone, and e-mail)
2. Affiliation and Project Advisor or Supervisor
3. State if NEW APPLICANT or RETURNING (include previous application year)
4. State whether this is a new effort or part of continuing work (if continuing provide short paragraph on previous efforts)
5. Project Title and Abstract (300 words max)
6. Hypothesis and Objectives (300 words max)
7. Literature Review: short summary of current literature guiding your research (2 page max)
8. Methods and Anticipated Results: include specifying how FIF's funding would be used (1 page)
9. State significance of impact for island foxes and/or other aspect of Channel Islands ecology and how project furthers FIF's mission (1 page max)
10. Date funds are needed and project timeline
11. Letter of Reasonable Assurance is required if project includes the collection of biological samples that are not already in the hands of the researcher. Letter should include support from the island manager/sample owner and verification that they can and will provide samples within the project's designated timeframe.
12. Project Budget (to include): total project budget, other funding, labor, supplies, materials, services (lab fees, etc.), description of any other overhead, specific use of FIF grant funds and proportion represented in overall funding
13. If project is funded, please indicate if funds are to be transferred to a specific research account or to whom a check should be made out to, with appropriate mailing address.

As an obligation of grant fulfillment FIF requires grantees supply:

- By October 15, 2026 - A 250 word lay summary of project and several related digital images to be used on FIF's website and in print communications with donors.
- By June 1, 2027 - Summary of current year's work that can be used on our website and in public education materials. Continuing annual updates while work is in progress.
- A 15–30 min. presentation of your research for FIF's "Date with a Fox" webinar series.
- In the event your research becomes published, a mention of FIF as a supporter and an open-source link to the published findings to be posted on the FIF website: islandfox.org

Friends of the Island Fox looks forward to considering your application.