



CLP Alumni Ambassadors Process

Role of the Applicant

We encourage applicants to contact a CLP Alumni Ambassador for support as you prepare your CLP application. Please keep in mind the following guidelines and let us know if you have any questions (clp@birdlife.org). **Having a proposal reviewed by a CLP Ambassador and/or CLP staff does not guarantee that the proposal will be funded, but it will likely make your proposal more competitive.**

1. Ambassador emails, biographies, language, and taxonomic areas are listed in the excel sheet on the CLP website. Please review the profiles for each Ambassador and contact the person you would like to receive support from. All Ambassadors have experience reviewing applications so they will have valuable feedback even if their taxonomic expertise is different from yours. Please do not contact more than one Ambassador unless your first choice is unavailable to help.
2. Ambassadors may provide feedback in the following areas: clarity of concept, English grammar, feasibility, and research design (if within Ambassador's area of expertise). Ambassadors will **not** write proposals for applicants and will review a proposal at most two times.
3. You will receive Ambassador comments via email.
4. Applicants should read [CLP eligibility criteria](#) carefully **before** contacting Ambassadors. Ambassadors may advise on eligibility, however if there is any uncertainty on the eligibility of a project, contact CLP staff directly for a final decision (clp@birdlife.org).
5. Ambassador feedback will likely improve the quality of applications. However, applicants **are not required** to incorporate Ambassador recommendations. Applicants are 100% responsible for the content of their proposals and must decide for themselves whether or not to incorporate Ambassador advice.
6. Alumni Ambassadors volunteer their time to review proposals. Please be respectful and patient. Ambassadors aim to acknowledge receipt of proposals within 48 hours and provide feedback within one week. If you are unsure of the status of your proposal with an Ambassador, contact CLP (clp@birdlife.org).
7. Plan ahead! The sooner you start developing your proposal and soliciting feedback, the better!
8. If you encounter any challenges when working with an Ambassador, contact CLP (clp@birdlife.org).
9. Applicants may send proposals to CLP staff and/or Ambassadors for review prior to submission **up to two weeks before the deadline**. You may request feedback from both an Ambassador and CLP staff member. If you choose to contact both, please conclude the review process with one audience before initiating a review process with a second.

Thank you and good luck!