



RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

Application for Academic Research

Please read the following research policy and guidelines carefully before completing the application form. Completed applications are sent to research@blackpoolzoo.org.uk. Please note, it may take time to organise your project (allow a minimum of 2 weeks before contacting us again). All projects may be subject to change at zoo staff discretion, so please be flexible with your project design.

Research Policy and Guidelines

1. All research undertaken must be for the net benefit of the individual animals, species and/or their habitat, or for the benefit of Blackpool Zoo. Blackpool Zoo only supports studies that do not compromise animal welfare or adversely affect animal management. You must demonstrate that you have clear research outcomes within your application.
2. All approved proposals allow the student access to the zoo, the research library and time with zoo staff. You will be required to **bring a photo of yourself and a £10 deposit** for your research ID badge and vest. Your research vest must be worn at all times whilst collecting data and your ID badge must be presented at admissions on arrival. Entry will be refused without a valid ID badge.
3. For health and safety reasons you are required to **sign in and out** of the student log located on the front desk at the main reception, both on arrival and upon leaving the zoo. Failure to do so will result in your ID being revoked
4. All research to be undertaken in association with Blackpool Zoo must be assessed and approved prior to commencement to ensure scientific and ethical validity, that animal welfare is not compromised and that the research complies with relevant UK and EU legal requirements. Any equipment to be used or questionnaires must be seen and agreed by the zoo in advance.
5. All multi-zoo research, including questionnaires, must have the supporting BIAZA and/or TAG support. Support must be demonstrated alongside the application via a copy of the support letter.
6. All research carried out must be reported in full, **with a copy of that report being presented to the zoo at the appropriate time within the duration of the research or course.** The zoo has to be advised in advance of publication plans.
7. Any PR activities or communication with the media must be managed in consultation with Blackpool Zoo. Any behind the scenes photos or images must have the zoo's consent before being published.
8. All reports and publications resulting from research at or through Blackpool Zoo (including samples) should acknowledge fully Blackpool Zoo, with copies forwarded to Blackpool Zoo. It is expected that individual zoo staff contributing to or supervising research projects must be acknowledged through co-authorship of any publications as well as by name in the relevant section of reports.
9. A copy of all raw data relating to Blackpool Zoo must be provided on completion of a study if requested. Blackpool Zoo reserves the right to use all data collected at the zoo for its own publications if they have not been published (or submitted for publication) elsewhere within one year of the termination of the research project. In such cases, acknowledgement of contribution and intellectual property will be given.
10. Your details will be held in our database for our use only and will not be passed to third parties without your consent.





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11. Blackpool Zoo will not be held responsible for any problems arising from research carried out at the zoo.
12. Any samples and / or video footage provided by Blackpool Zoo and anything derived from them, remain the property of Blackpool Zoo and will only be used for agreed research and education purposes. Any unused sample will be disposed of in accordance with standard procedures for the disposal of animal waste (Animal By-Products Regulations 2005 [amended 2009]).
13. Blackpool Zoo will be informed, and must approve, prior to the transfer of any samples, research materials, or confidential information to a third party for research, and the third party will also be bound by this agreement.

General Privacy Statement

The personal information that you give us will be included in files for which Grant Leisure Group Limited (with registered office at Blackpool Zoo, East Park Drive, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY3 8PP) and its parent company Parques Reunidos Servicios Centrales, S.A. (with registered office Paseo de la Castellana, 216. 16th floor 28046 Madrid, Spain) are the co-controllers (the "Controllers"). The data will be processed for the implementation, maintenance and control of the relationship with us and to manage your entry ticket purchase/pass purchase/participation in the various promotions, competitions and games, as well as for handling any requests you may send us and to keep communications in order to improve our services and for statistical purposes. For more information regarding your rights in relation to your personal data, please refer to the privacy policy on our website.





All sections must be completed fully

GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME:

CONTACT TEL. NO.:

PERSONAL E-MAIL:

INSTITUTIONAL PERSONAL EMAIL:.....

**(2 EMAIL ADDRESSES MUST BE PROVIDED)*

INSITITUTION DETAILS:

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE:

ADDRESS:

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COURSE / JOB TITLE:

LEVEL OF STUDY: FdSc / BSc / MSc / PhD / Post-Doctoral / Other:

COURSE LEADER:

TEL. NO.:

E-MAIL:

PROJECT SUPERVISOR:

TEL. NO.:

E-MAIL:

PROJECT DETAILS:

PROJECT TITLE:

PURPOSE OF PROJECT: (e.g. dissertation)

COMPLETION/PUBLICATION DATE:

DO YOU AIM TO PUBLISH THE WORK? YES / NO

PROPOSED START DATE: END DATE:

WILL THE STUDY INVOLVE MULTIPLE ZOOS? YES / NO

(if yes please attach BIAZA / EAZA approval and state the name(s) of the collection(s))

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PROJECT OUTLINE:

*Continue on new sheet if necessary
or in addition attach original research proposal.*

INTRODUCTION: *(Background information, reasons for study):*

QUESTIONS / HYPOTHESIS / AIMS:

ACHIEVABLE OBJECTIVES: *(Include time scale):*



METHODS: *Include detailed information of what data will be collected, when, and how (sampling techniques, periods)*

DATA ANALYSIS: *State how your data will be analysed using appropriate statistical techniques*

RELEVANCE TO ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS: *(e.g. captive breeding, conservation and animal welfare):*



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STUDENT REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY: *Include support required from the zoo (e.g. degree of supervision/staff time)*

EQUIPMENT:

REFERENCES:





PERSONAL DETAILS:

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:
 RELATIONSHIP TO YOU:
 TEL. NO.:
 DO YOU HAVE ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF? YES / NO

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS:

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENCE? YES / NO

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS:

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ANIMAL RIGHTS / WELFARE GROUP OR CHARITY?
Including past, present and close associations YES / NO

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS:

AGREEMENT:

Please refer to the research guidelines

- a) I hereby declare that the information contained within this form is truthful and correct.
 - b) I hereby agree that Blackpool Zoo will be fully informed of any data I collect and any changes that I wish to make to my original project outline.
 - c) I agree that I will provide an electronic and hard copy of my project to Blackpool Zoo upon completion. If the project is not completed I agree to submit a copy of any data or information collected.
 - d) I also agree that I will not publish or allow others to publish any material gained from this research project without the prior permission of Blackpool Zoo.
 - e) I have read and agree to adhere to the academic research policy and guidelines.
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SIGNED:

DATE:

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RESEARCH DEPT.:	DATE:
HEAD OF SECTION:	DATE:

