

Compound Eyes: Call for Funding Applications

The Compound Eyes foundation seeks to support digital imaging and visualization aspects of biodiversity research projects. Successful projects will contribute to the collection, analysis, and dissemination of biodiversity related image data. Applicants must be researchers or students at any level associated with a research university or institution within the European Union.

Important developments in biodiversity are in progress; we aim to meet this moment with a blend of hard science and arresting aesthetics that will mobilize public interest. Art is an essential complement to science. It can guide scientific priorities while mobilizing broader public interest in biodiversity. By investing in the visual tool set of science, Compound Eyes seeks to celebrate the tiny mysteries of life. As such, our focus is on that which is unfamiliar to and rarely seen by all but a few of us.

Application Guidelines

A cover letter describing the current status and support (if any) for your project, and how support from Compound Eyes will contribute to and/or enhance your project. Describe how images produced will be made available.

A 2 page description of the project (excluding figures, references, and appendices).

A budget of up to 5,000 euros, timeline, and anticipated deliverables, including but not limited to images, publications, scientific talks, and public outreach. We encourage some deliverables to be planned within the first 6-12 months of the project.

CVs for principal participants along with a brief description of the roles each will play.

The names and contact information for at least three individuals qualified to review your proposal. Reviewers should not be from the same institution as any of the applicants, and should not share ongoing collaborative projects.

Submit your application as a single PDF document on the foundation website (<https://www.compoundeyes.org/apply>) by 31 March 2022.

Deliverables

Awardees will be expected to provide periodic blog accounts of their progress for the foundation, and a summary of their results, including successes, challenges, and mistakes. Awardees must accept specific conditions before receiving funds.