# Peregrine Accelerator for Conservation Impact – 2025 RFP Application

Project team
1. Lead organization name
   o Organization website

2. Partner organizations (list up to 5)

3. Primary contact
   o First Name
   o Last Name
   o Title
   o Pronouns
   o Email
   o Phone

4. Primary address
   o Country
   o Address
   o City
   o State, Province, or Territory
   o Zip or Postal Code

*Note to applicants: We request that each of the narrative questions below be addressed in 200 words or fewer. There is a margin of buffer built into the character limits, as we don't believe spending extensive time editing slightly longer responses down to hit precise limits is productive or beneficial, however, we do ask that you be mindful of length.*

Timely and potentially transformative
1. Describe the conservation challenge your idea aims to address.
   *Use this space to describe the problem you're addressing, how you know it is a problem (is there data?), and what causes this problem.*

2. Describe the local conditions and socio-ecological context in which this challenge exists.
   *Use this space to present the local context and who or what benefits if the problem described above gets solved. If applicable, address how your proposed project would complement, connect to, and/or build on existing conservation efforts in the region. Note: Other questions in this application will provide an opportunity to go into detail about your idea and the benefits it could deliver.*

3. Describe your proposed solution to address this problem.
   *Use this space to describe the project your team would like to develop with support from the Accelerator program and how it will address the challenge described above. Note: Other questions in this application will provide an opportunity to explain the impact you aim to have, so focus here on the nature of your approach—such as on-the-ground restoration or protection,*

*actionable research, community engagement—and why it will be effective given the challenge(s) and context described above.*

## Feasible
1. What sectors are represented by your team?
   *Select all that apply.*
   o Community-based organization, conservation-oriented or otherwise
   o Conservation-oriented organization
   o Tribe or First Nation
   o University researcher(s) or other academic entity
   o Governmental agency or similar policy-oriented entity
   o Private enterprise
   o Other (please explain)

2. If you indicated that a Tribe or First Nation is represented in your team, is this proposal Indigenous-led? (Y/N)
   *Note: Teams that include Indigenous representation but are not Indigenous-led are required to include a letter of support demonstrating your Indigenous partner's endorsement and role.*

3. What relevant experience and expertise does your project team bring? Why is your team the right group to implement your proposed project?
   *Use this space to describe your team's unique value-add to the region and/or for the challenge you seek to address, as well as attributes that may position you to succeed, such as collaborative capacity, track record in the region, and organizational assets. Note: we encourage collaboration between organizations, but you will not be penalized if you are applying without partners.*

4. What stage is your project currently in?
   *Select the option that best describes your progress.*
   o Idea/Concept Stage: We have identified a problem or opportunity and are exploring solutions but have not yet started formal planning.
   o Planning Stage: We have defined our project goals and are actively developing plans, securing resources, and building a team.
   o Pilot Stage: We have implemented a small-scale version of the project to test feasibility, gather data, or refine the approach.
   o Early Implementation Stage: We are in the initial phases of executing the project but require further refinement and expansion.
   o Mid-Implementation Stage: We are actively executing the project at a significant scale but need additional resources to reach full realization.
   o Other (please explain)

5. What is the lead organization's annual operating budget for 2025?

6. How many paid staff does the lead organization currently employ?

## Designed to deliver multiple benefits for people and nature
1. If your project is successfully implemented, what positive impacts would you expect the work to have on native biodiversity and climate resilience in your target landscape?

*Use this space to describe big picture impacts as well as any specific metrics you plan to measure and evaluate. What are the species, ecosystems, ecosystem services, and/or natural resources that will benefit from your work?*

2. If your project is successfully implemented, what positive impacts would you expect the work to have on community wellbeing and environmental justice?
   *Use this space to describe big picture impacts as well as any specific metrics you plan to measure and evaluate. Who will benefit from your work, in what way and to what extent?*

3. What impacts and/or metrics would you desire to measure and track but currently do not have the resources and/or expertise to do so?

## Collaborative, inclusive, and community-centered

1. Who else do you need to engage for collaboration to ensure your project will be successful?
   *Use this space to describe the local organizations, jurisdictions, and communities whose cooperation is required for your solution to be successful.*

2. How is your proposed project responsive to your target community?
   *Use this space to describe how you know the community wants/needs your proposed solution to be implemented. If applicable, how will your project design and outcomes reflect community priorities, lived experiences, and/or different ways of knowing?*

3. Describe your team's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and environmental justice.
   *How have you integrated these principles into your work?*

## Accelerator experience

*Note: These responses will be used to help us understand what each team would want to get out of their Accelerator experience and what resources/expertise/assistance will be most valuable to participants—articulating challenges/barriers/gaps/needs will not penalize scores in the prior categories.*

1. On a 1-5 scale (1 being not prepared at all and 5 being very prepared), how prepared do you currently feel to fundraise for your proposed project?

2. On a 1-5 scale (1 being not at all connected and 5 being very connected), how connected do you feel to regional networks and/or a community of peers through which you have access to potential partners, new resources, and other opportunities for learning and collaboration?

3. What challenges do you anticipate in implementing your proposed project?
   *Use this space to describe barriers to the short- and long-term success of your proposed project; these may include, but are not limited to, financial constraints, gaps in knowledge or technical skills, or policy or political hurdles.*

4. Given these challenges, and thinking specifically about your team's readiness to implement your proposed project, what are the top three needs *besides funding* that, if addressed, would best prepare you to succeed?
   *The Peregrine Accelerator provides seed funding and 6 months of tailored training, mentorship, and peer learning to selected project teams, so use this space to describe what you'd hope to get out of the experience. This could be technical assistance, connections to key stakeholders, advice on team dynamics, policy support, etc.*

5. Given the time commitment of 2-3 hours/week for up to 6 months, how many individuals from your project team would you anticipate participating in the Accelerator program?