



## SPECIES REINTRODUCTION FUND

### Request for Partnerships

On its mission to make extinction a thing of the past, The Colossal Foundation has established the Colossal Species Reintroduction Fund, in partnership with Re:wild, to support critical reintroduction efforts through funding and organizational support. This fund is designed to fuel conservation actions to restore the wild through species and ecosystem recovery around the world. The Species Reintroduction Fund will provide vital support to partners for reintroduction projects aligning with IUCN reintroduction [guidelines](#), promoting impactful species recovery and genetic diversity restoration endeavors.

The fund will initially distribute up to \$250,000 in grants each year, with funds provided by the Colossal Foundation, with an aim to grow the fund to become a global driver of species recovery. Alongside financial support, Re:wild and The Colossal Foundation will additionally offer partnership support to grantees through requested and approved provisions of collaboration, capacity-building, genetic technology, networking, technical support, communications assistance, and media promotion.

#### **Funding Priorities:**

1. Species will be prioritized if they are a keystone species, have a high EDGE score, or are Endangered, Critically Endangered, or Extinct in the Wild.
2. Projects that are in biodiversity hotspots, are Indigenous-led, or support species' adaptation to climate change will be preferred.
3. Funding will prioritize animal species with a 4-year generation time or less and/or animal species needing support for specific efforts in the release/reintroduction stage to the wild.
4. Projects will be prioritized if applicants desire to partner with Re:wild and/or The Colossal Foundation beyond financing, in support of the project's long-term goals.
5. The fund will support projects at any stage of the reintroduction process. This could include a focus on conservation genetics, genetic rescue, habitat restoration, translocation, conservation breeding, reintroduction, and/or post-release monitoring.
6. Projects that include an evaluation component to demonstrate population recovery of the focal species within the project timeline will be prioritized.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit, government, and academic organizations are welcome to apply.

**Geographic Focus:** No limitations exist regarding location of project, with both in situ and ex situ components of reintroduction being considered for support, though note funding priorities listed above.

**Duration & Amount:** Projects will be supported for up to 12 months at a time, with annual review of partnership goals and project progress determining subsequent support. Grant requests up to \$50,000 per year will be considered.

#### **Proposal Process & Deadline:**

The first phase is to submit a one-page expression of partnership interest for preliminary consideration, which needs to include species, project scope and overview, 1-year deliverables, partnership ideas, cost, and timeline. Expressions of partnership interest should be submitted to [speciesreintroductionfund@rewild.org](mailto:speciesreintroductionfund@rewild.org), with partnership request deadlines listed on the website.

Pending the proposal strength, a partnership discussion with the applicant will occur to co-design next steps. Fund advisors may be brought into this co-design process as needed. If these discussions are successful, a full proposal will be requested. The full application guidelines are available upon request.