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### BP Conservation Awards 1999

University students are invited to enter the 1999 BP Conservation Programme Awards, to secure funding, support and training for international conservation research projects that address global priorities at a local level. All projects submitted for an Award must focus on a conservation issue of global importance, have the majority of the team members in full or part-time education and have strong links with the country where the project will take place. Teams planning to work within their own country are also eligible.

Each year, the Programme presents awards and training to thirteen teams; £5000 is given to the four best projects, £3000 is received by eight runner-up projects and the top "Follow-Up" Award of £10,000 is presented to the best proposal for follow-up work submitted by a previous winner. The Programme aims to increase the long-term, sustainable conservation gain of a project by focusing the research objectives and building vital collaboration between personnel at all levels, from the project team members and local people to government staff. Celebrating its 14th year in 1999, the BP Conservation Programme is the result of a long-term partnership between wildlife conservation organisations BirdLife International and Fauna & Flora International, and The British Petroleum Company plc. Since 1985, the Programme has helped 117 international student teams to implement conservation research objectives in 45 countries.

The closing date for applications is 16 November 1998. For application packs and more information, contact:

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Details can also be found in English, Spanish, French, Chinese and Japanese on the BP Conservation Programme's web-site: <http://www.bp.com/conservation/>