

ASPIRE Grants

Investing in the future of Africa's Congo Basin

The ASPIRE Grant Program is a groundbreaking initiative to support emerging conservation experts in the Congo Basin

Why the Congo Basin?

The Congo Basin is one of two lungs of the planet. It's crucial for regulating the Earth's climate and contains an estimated 20% of all species. The rainfall it generates feeds millions of rural farmers. Yet, despite efforts underway to conserve this extraordinary region, threats from climate change, habitat loss, and deforestation are accelerating. The Congo Basin urgently requires a new generation of environmental and conservation experts to find science-based approaches to address the growing challenges and mitigate threats.



About ASPIRE:

The ASPIRE Grant Program offers competitive research grants of up to \$5,000 to promising young researchers from the Congo Basin dedicated to finding solutions to the threats of climate change, deforestation, and biodiversity loss. Since 2014, we have awarded 170 grants totaling over \$850,000 dollars. ASPIRE makes an impact by:

- **Supporting Local Talent:** Empowers young Africans by providing them with the means to conduct essential research projects, fostering a deep connection to their home regions.
- **Enabling Informed Decision-Making:** Research contributes locally developed insights to conservation decision-makers, enabling more effective, evidence-based strategies.
- **Supporting Resilient Ecosystems:** Research directly contributes to preserving the Congo Basin's diverse ecosystems.

Support the ASPIRE Grant Program and invest in Africa's future environmental leaders. Your contribution will have a lasting impact on the people and biodiversity of the Congo Basin.

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CARN - Conservation Action Research Network

Conservation Action Research Network (CARN) is a non-profit (501.c3) research organization focused on advancing conservation efforts that conserve biodiversity and ecosystem health, protect threatened wildlife species and habitats, and promote environmental sustainability.