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The [Global Genome Initiative for Gardens \(GGI-Gardens\)](#) is an international partnership of botanical gardens and arboreta focused on collecting herbarium vouchers from living collections and preserving their genome resources in biorepositories partnered with the [Global Genome Biodiversity Network \(GGBN\)](#).

The GGI-Gardens Awards Program aims to promote partnership activities to preserve and understand Earth's genomic biodiversity of plants. To this aim, we seek to support collection and preservation activities at botanic gardens around the world.

This program, in cooperation with the [United States Botanic Garden](#), and administered through [BGCI's Global Botanic Garden Fund](#), provides awards of up to \$4,500 to support sampling activities from living collections with unique families and genera of vascular plants not yet represented in GGBN biorepositories.

Eligibility

- Current and prospective members of GGI-Gardens are eligible to apply. Institutions with successful proposals who have not yet joined GGI-Gardens must – as a minimum – become a GGI-Gardens partner by signing the [GGI-Gardens Memorandum of Cooperation \(MoC\)](#) prior to the awarding of funds.
- Eligible institutions will need to identify a recognised herbarium where they will deposit collected plant vouchers as well as a [GGBN-partnered biorepository](#) for the storage of preserved genomic tissues.

The Process

- Call for applications will be **open until 17 November 2024**.
- Successful GGI-Gardens Awards will be required to sign a grant agreement supplied by BGCI & GGI within 30 days of receiving the successful notification.
- Awardees will be asked to submit a mid-term and final Award Report to update BGCI and GGI-Gardens on the status of their collection activities and completion of stated proposal goals.
- Awardees will also be asked to submit one short news item for BGCI's and GGI-Garden's newsletters. Upon notification of proposal status, more details will be provided to awardees.

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