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Adrian Ashby-Smith Memorial Trust

c/o Mr Jan Ivan-Duke, 39 Sutherland Drive, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire ST5 3NZ

Preference to those under 40 years of age who are taking part in their first expedition. There are three categories: member of scientific/exploratory expedition, handicapped member of expedition, member from an under-privileged background.

African Bird Club Awards

African Bird Club, c/o BirdLife International, Wellbrook Court, Girton Road, Cambridge CB3 0NA

Website: www.africanbirdclub.org

Supports small conservation projects in Africa, including the ABC Expedition Award, an annual award of £1000

Albert Reckitt Charitable Trust

Southwark Towers, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SY

Must be supported by a university. Grants not available to individuals or schools. Average grant: £750.

Andrew Croft Memorial Fund

c/o Mrs James Korner, The River House, 52 Strand-on-the-Green, London W4 3PD

Provides grants for young people under the age of 30 to participate in expeditions, particularly research expeditions to the Arctic and for the benefit of Arctic communities. Average grant: £500.

Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust

Email: afmt_adm@hotmail.com

If you are under 26 and lack funding for a climbing expedition or other outdoor initiative, you could qualify for a grant from the Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust. The Trust could also help fund your place on a training course provided that your primary reason for attending it is for personal development rather than professional qualifications. Maximum grant: £500. Deadline: 20 March.

Augustine Courtauld Trust

Red House, Colchester Road, Halstead, Essex CO9 2DZ. Website: www.augustinecourtauldtrust.org

Assists expeditions to the Arctic or Antarctic. Average grant: £800.

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BP Conservation Programme Awards

c/o BirdLife International, Wellbrook Court, Girton Road, Cambridge CB3 0NA. Tel: +44 1223 277318, fax: +44 1223 277200, email: bp-conservation-programme@birdlife.org.uk, website: www.bp.com/conservation/

Open to teams (not individuals) from all over the world planning high priority conservation research projects of a global priority. Successful teams should have a majority of student participants, demonstrate local collaboration, and have clearance from the host government and local institutes. Grants: £3000–£10,000. Deadline: 31 October.

Bat Conservation International – Student Scholarship Program

Student Scholarship Program, PO Box 162603, Austin, TX 78716-2603, USA. Website: www.batcon.org
Supports research to help document bats' roosting and feeding habitat requirements, their ecological or economic roles or their conservation needs. Average grant: \$US2500.

Bird Exploration Fund

c/o The Walter Rothschild Zoological Museum, Akeman Street, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 6AP. Email: r.prys-jones@nhm.ac.uk

For ornithological projects leading to the enhancement of the Natural History Museum bird collection; open to individuals and groups working in the UK and abroad. Grants: £100–500. Deadline: 1 April.

British Canoe Union

John Dudderidge House, Adbolton Lane, West Bridgford, Notts NG2 5AS. Website: www.bcu.org.uk

Grants for international canoeing expeditions only; normally first descents and/or very challenging river or sea trips in wilderness areas of the world; considerable canoeing experience and previous expeditions a prerequisite. An "Expeditions for Youth Fund" is also administered by the BCU, which provides small grants, typically £50, to assist young people to undertake canoeing expeditions. Applications for Youth Grants may be made at any time. Grants: £200–500.

British Cave Research Association Research Fund

Bill Tolfree, BCRA Research Fund, 6 Ledsgrove, Ipplepen, Newton Abbott, Devon, TQ12 5QY. Email: research-fund@bcra.org.uk, website: www.bcra.org.uk

Grants are made for specific scientific projects in any field of speleology. Grants: £50–500.

British Ecological Society

Education and Careers Committee, Blades Court, Deodar Road, Putney, London SW15 2NU. Tel: +44 20 8871 9797, email: info@britishecologicalsociety.org, website: www.britishecologicalsociety.org
Groups (minimum of three) whose projects are intended to widen the ecological experience of participants overseas rather than just produce publishable data. For sixth forms only an expedition within the British Isles will be considered. Deadline 31 December. Average grant: up to £2000.

British Mountaineering Council

177–179 Burton Road, Manchester M20 2BB. Tel: +44 161 445 4747, email: office@thebmc.co.uk, website: www.thebmc.co.uk

Screened at the same time as the Mount Everest Foundation. New Peaks, new routes, British firsts or innovative-style ascents in the greater mountain ranges. Average grant: £1500.

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British Sub-Aqua Jubilee Trust

Telford's Quay, South Pier Road, Ellesmere Port, South Wirral CH65 4FL. Tel: +44 151 350 6200, website: www.bsac.com/services/jubilee/jtrust.htm

Awards made to individuals for diving-related projects or expeditions, so long as the work done involves aqua-lung diving. Both amateurs and professionals may apply because applications are judged on individual merit. Grants may be used for scientific or non-scientific projects so long as the work done involves diving on the aqua-lung. Grants: £100–1000 (exceptionally £1000).

The Captain Scott Society

c/o United Services Mess, Wharton Street, Cardiff CF1 2AG

Spirit of Adventure Award for individual or expedition displaying similar "spirit of adventure" so nobly demonstrated by Captain Scott and the British Antarctic Expedition of 1910. Average grant: £1000.
Sir Vivian Fuchs Young Adventure Award for young persons aged between 11 and 19, displaying the above criteria. Average grant: £250.

Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland

Cameron House, Abbey Park Place, Dunfermline, Fife KY12 7PZ. Tel: +44 1383 622148, website: www.carnegie-trust.org

For Scottish university undergraduates on supervised field research expeditions, approved and supported by the university and accompanied throughout by a member of staff. Grants are made only to expeditions; no individual applications will be considered. Average grant: £1800 (max. £2000).

Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation

2150 Third Avenue North, Suite 310, Anoka, MN 55303-2200, USA. Website: www.lindberghfoundation.org
Grants to individuals whose proposed project represents a significant contribution towards the balance of technological progress and preservation of the natural/human environment. Grants: up to \$US10,580. Deadline: 11 June.

Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council (CYEC)

7 Lion Yard, Tremadoc Road, Clapham, London SW4 7NQ. Tel: +44 20 7498 6151, fax: +44 20 7622 4365, email: mail@cyec.demon.co.uk, website: www.cyec.org

CYEC supports visits only by groups of young people aged 16–25 going to a Commonwealth country. Trips should involve joint activity and meaningful contact with young people of the overseas country, and hosting a group on a reciprocal visit to Britain, helping to educate the wider community about the partner country and the Commonwealth. Grants: up to 35 per cent of the international travel costs.

Dudley Stamp Memorial Trust

c/o The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG. Website: www.royalsoc.ac.uk

Grants are available to young geographers to assist them in research or study travel leading to the advancement of geography and to international cooperation in the study of the subject. Awards are given to applicants under the age of 30. Grants are not given to assist expeditions. Average grant: £4500 awarded among a number of projects.

Earth and Space Foundation

Email: Foundation@earthandspace.org, website: www.earthandspace.org

Grants to expeditions requiring the use of space-derived or -dependent technology, e.g. using remote sensing data, satellite communications, and expeditions undertaking fieldwork in the interests of space exploration, and space-related activities. Average grant: £250.

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Edinburgh Trust No. 2

The Duke of Edinburgh's Office, Buckingham Palace, London SW1A 1AA

All expeditions (but must have the backing of a recognised society). Average grant: £3000.

Edward Wilson Fund

c/o Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER

Expeditions to polar regions. Grants: £200–600.

Eric Hosking Trust

Pages Green House, Wetheringsett, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5QA. Tel: +44 1728 861113

Bursaries for ornithological research through writing, photography or painting. Average grant: up to £500. Deadline: September.

Explorers Club Exploration Fund

46 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021, USA. Website: www.explorers.org

For scientific field research and exploration. Grants: not more than \$US1200. Deadline: 31 January.

Explorers Club Youth Activity Fund

46 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021, USA. Tel: +1 212 628 8383, fax: +1 212 288 4449,

email: youth@explorers.org, website: www.explorers.org

For high school and college undergraduate students to enable them to participate in field research in the natural sciences under the supervision of a qualified scientist. Average grant: \$US1000. Deadline 31 January.

Fauna and Flora International (100 per cent fund)

Great Eastern House, Tenison Road, Cambridge CB1 2DT. Tel: +44 1223 571000,

website: www.fauna-flora.org

Projects must directly help endangered species of flora or fauna. Not suitable for undergraduate projects. Average grant: £2000 (max. £5000).

Frederick Soddy Trust/Geographical Association Expedition Grants

3 Woodgate Meadow, Plumpton Green, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3BD

For the study of a human community and life in a particular area. Grants to groups only. School and similar expeditions particularly welcomed. Grants: £300–500.

French Huguenot Church of London Charitable Trust

The Clerk to the Trustees, 1 Dean Farrar Street, London SW1H 0DY

For those under 25 years of age for individual projects at home or abroad, preferably in connection with France. Grants will not be given for the sole purpose of learning a foreign language. Preference is for those who are or whose parents are members of the French Protestant Church of London, and to people of French Protestant descent. Maximum grant: £300. Deadline: 28 March.

Fuchs Foundation

c/o British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0ET

To help young people who would otherwise be precluded for reasons of family background or financial status to undertake organised adventurous outdoor activity. Age normally 14–18. Individual applications only. Applications from institutes of higher education expeditions are not considered. Average grant: £500.

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Ghar Parau Foundation

Secretary: David Judson, Hurst Barn, Castlemorton, Malvern, Worcs WR13 6LS

Email: d.judson@bcra.org.uk, website: www.bcra.org.uk

For original exploration, photography and survey of caves; scientific/speleological studies in caves, cave areas or associated features, preferably in little-known, little-studied or remote areas. Evidence of experience, ability and research required. Grants: £100–5000 dependent on application and competition.

Gilchrist Educational Trust

Mary Trevelyan Hall, 10 York Terrace East, London NW1 4PT

For British expeditions, involving three or more members, undertaking scientific fieldwork. Any necessary permissions must have been obtained. Involvement of local counterparts is an advantage. Average grant: £900.

Gino Watkins Memorial Fund

c/o Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER.

Website: www.spri.cam.ac.uk/about/funding/ginowatkins/

For expeditions to polar regions only. Grants: up to £1000.

Gordon Foundation

PO Box 214, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2WG. Email: Gordon.Foundation@btinternet.com

To support under-30s in performing arts, particularly music, drama or design and/or to allow them to engage in educational travel that involves physical challenge or endeavour.

IUCN Small Grants for Wetlands Programme (SWP)

Netherlands committee for IUCN, Small Grants for Wetlands Programme, Plantage, Middenlaan 2B, 1018DD Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Email: henri.roggeri@nciucn.nl, website: www.wetlands.nl

Small grants for local non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and community-based organisations implementing projects to promote the conservation of wetlands. Applicants must be from priority countries and follow specific criteria.

Jim Bishop Memorial Trust

c/o Young Explorers' Trust, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR. Website: www.theyet.org

Open to individuals under 19 years taking part in adventurous activities at home or abroad. Average grant: £50. Deadline: 1 February.

John Jarrold Trust

B. Thompson, Messrs Jarrold & Sons, Whitefriars, Norwich NR3 1SH. Tel: +44 1603 660211

The Trust supports a wide range of organisations including churches, medical, arts, environment/conservation, welfare and overseas aid. It prefers to support specific projects, rather than contribute to general funding. Educational purposes that should be supported by the state will not be helped by the trust. Grants: about a third of grants are for £1000 or more. Smaller grants are generally £100–500.

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L.S.B. Leakey Trust

Dr Peter Andrews, Department of Palaeontology, The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5DB. Email: palaeosecretary@nhm.ac.uk

To support studies relating to human evolution. Priority will be given to research into environments, archaeology and human palaeontology of the Miocene, Pliocene and Pleistocene, into the behaviour of the Great Apes and other Old World primate species, and into the ecology and adaptations of living hunter-gatherer peoples. Grants: not exceeding £300. Deadline: 15 April.

The Merlin Trust

The Dower House, Boughton House, Kettering NN14 1BJ. Website: www.merlin-trust.org.uk

Grants for young (preferably between the ages of 18 and 35) horticulturists, to extend their knowledge of plants (in the wild or in gardens). Suitable projects may include visiting gardens in different parts of this country or abroad, or travelling to see wild plants in their native habitats anywhere in the world. Grants: up to £750.

Mount Everest Foundation

W.H. Ruthven, Gowrie, Cardwell Close, Warton, Preston PR4 1SH. Email: bill.ruthven@ukgateway.net, website: www.mef.org.uk

For British and New Zealand expeditions proposing mountaineering exploration or research in high mountain regions. Also awards Alison Chadwick Memorial Grant "to further British and Polish women's mountaineering in the greater ranges". Grants: £200–1700.

Mountaineering Council of Scotland

The Old Granary, West Mill Street, Perth PH1 5QP. Tel: +44 738 638227, fax: +44 1738 442095, website: www.mountaineering-scotland.org.uk

Expeditions whose members have a strong connection with the Scottish mountains and Scottish mountaineering and an objective of excellence and adventure; in greater ranges, pure rock or ice in less remote areas that are worthy of international recognition. Membership of the Council required. Grants: £100–1000. Maximum budget of £2000.

National Geographic Society

1145 17th Street NW, Washington DC 20036-4688, USA. Website: www.nationalgeographic.com

Committee for Research and Exploration

For post-doctoral projects undertaking scientific field research and exploration. All proposed projects must have both a geographical dimension and relevance to other scientific fields and be of broad scientific interest. The Committee is currently emphasising multidisciplinary projects that address environmental issues, e.g. loss of biodiversity and habitat, effects of human population pressures. Grants: \$US15,000–20,000.

Expeditions Council

For exploration, adventure, and related technologies that provide new information about areas either largely or completely unknown, to cover field costs. The programme is editorially driven and projects must have the potential for a compelling written and visual record. New Explorers' grants are also awarded each year to talented and emerging explorers who offer future potential. Grants: \$US5000–35,000.

Conservation Trust

Grants awarded to projects that contribute significantly to the preservation and sustainable use of the Earth's biological, cultural and historical resources. Applicants are not expected to have advanced degrees (PhD or equivalent); however, they must provide a record of prior research or conservation action. Grants: \$US15,000–20,000.

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Nick Estcourt Award

c/o The Secretary, 24 Grange Road, Bowdon, Altricham, Cheshire WA14 3EE

For expeditions attempting an objective of mountaineering significance. This might be a previously unclimbed face, ridge or summit, or a repeat of an existing route in more challenging style or conditions. Applications are considered solely in terms of their mountaineering merit; other objectives are not taken into account. Average grant: £1000.

Paul Vander-Molen Foundation

Michael Coyne, 92 Belgrave House, Wanstead, London E11 3QP

To provide opportunities for people with disabilities to enjoy and participate in adventurous activities. Open to individuals, schools, clubs, expeditions, etc. Grants: £200–1000.

People's Trust for Endangered Species

Unit 15, Cloisters House, Cloisters Business Centre, 8 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4BG

Email: enquiries@ptes.org, website: www.ptes.org

One of the main roles of this charity is to provide financial support and encouragement for education projects in the field of conservation including those undertaken in the summer months by students in higher education. The project must have as one of its principal aims the conservation of an individual endangered species and must be organised by the students themselves.

Percy Sladen Memorial Trust

c/o The Linnean Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0LQ

For field research in natural history outside the UK. Monies are given for specific research topics and not to undergraduate expeditions, for completion of degrees or visits to institutions. Average grant: £400.

Polartec Challenge

Email: brownr@maldenmills.com, website: www.polartec.com

The Polartec Challenge is an international grant programme designed to encourage the spirit and practice of outdoor adventure. Applications are evaluated on the basis of their credibility, originality, responsibility and ability to stand as a role model to outdoor enthusiasts worldwide. Grants: \$US2000–8000.

Rainforest Alliance – Kleinhans Fellowship

Website: www.ra.org/programs/

For research into the development of new markets for non-timber forest products in Latin America or the expansion of existing markets. The successful applicant will have a Masters degree in forestry, ecology, environmental science or an appropriate related field. Doctoral candidates or post-doctoral researchers are preferred. Grant: \$US15,000.

Reg Gilbert International Youth Friendship Trust

The Appeals' Secretary, Rathlyn, Blatchbridge, Frome, Somerset BA11 5EE. Email: GIFT@care4free.net, website: www.GIFT.care4free.net

Applicants must be aged 14–25 and have an outstanding project involving international friendship mainly through homestays. Successful applicants are those deeply involved in the normal, everyday life of the host family/community, and largely out of contact with their group except in an emergency. Grants: £120–300.

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Reserve Forces Ulysses Trust

Directorate Reserve Forces & Cadets, Applications Secretary, Room 711A, MOD St Giles Court, St Giles High Street, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2H 8LD

Units of the Reserve Forces, university officer training corps (OTC) and cadets of all three services are eligible. The Trustees wish to encourage and support unit expeditions worldwide. Average grant: £900.

RGS-IBG/British Airways Travel Bursaries

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR. Email: grants@rgs.org

Bursaries for researchers who wish to undertake tourism-related fieldwork or research outside the UK. For individuals at postgraduate level or an established researcher under 35 years of age. Applicants must be registered with a UK higher education institute. One month minimum fieldwork period. Average grant: a free return flight (British Airways flights only), under certain conditions.

RGS-IBG Expedition Research Grants

Expeditions with scientific objectives related to geography and exploration normally outside Europe. Undergraduate level and above (not mountaineering, sporting or university departmental expeditions). Host country participation where possible. Grants: £750–3000.

RGS-IBG Henrietta Hutton Research Grants

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org, website: www.rgs.org

Two grants for female students under 25 years of age who intend to undertake field research overseas as an individual or as part of a multidisciplinary team. Field research must be of more than 4 weeks' duration but does not necessarily have to be connected to the student's academic studies. Average grant: £500.

RGS-IBG Hong Kong Research Grant

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org, website: www.rgs.org

Available for postgraduate students of any nationality who intend to undertake geographical research in the Greater China region (People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Macau SAR and Hong Kong SAR). The research must be of relevance to their overall studies. The proposed research must be of more than 4 weeks' duration and should be of an applied nature. Average grant: £2500.

RGS-IBG Gilchrist Fieldwork Award

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with The Institute of British Geographers), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR. Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org, website: www.rgs.org/grants

Overseas research by small teams of senior university academics or researchers, most of British nationality, for a field season of at least 6 weeks. Average grant: £12,000 (even numbered years only).

RGS-IBG Individual Travel Awards

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org, website: www.rgs.org

Two awards: one for geographical research in the field, likely to last at least 6 months (Violet Cressey-Marcks Fisher Travelling Fellowship); one for overseas travel in connection with biological study, teaching or research (Dax Copp Fellowship). Grants: £350–500.

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RGS–IBG John Radford Award for Geographical Photography

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org, website: www.rgs.org

This is an award for young photographers wishing to undertake a geographically oriented photographic assignment. The award is open to nationals of all member states of the European Union but applicants must be aged between 18 and 30. The project focus should not be well documented but highlight a subject that might otherwise go unrecorded in the mainstream broadcasting/press. Average grant: £700.

RGS–IBG Journey of a Lifetime Award

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with The Institute of British Geographers), 1 Kensington Gore,

London SW7 2AR. Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org, website: www.rgs.org

A bursary is on offer to someone who is undertaking a journey that will inspire an interest in peoples and places and who has the ability to communicate his or her experiences through the medium of radio broadcasting. The winner will receive training in sound-recording techniques from the BBC. A resulting programme or series will be produced for BBC Radio 4. Average grant: £4000.

RGS–IBG Monica Cole Research Grants

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org, website: www.rgs.org

This grant is made once every 3 years and is available to a female physical geographer undertaking original fieldwork overseas. There is no age qualification and both undergraduates and postgraduates can apply. Applicants should be registered at a UK institute of higher education. Average grant: £1000.

RGS–IBG Neville Shulman Challenge Award

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org, website: www.rgs.org

To further the understanding and exploration of the planet while promoting personal development through the intellectual or physical challenges involved in undertaking research and/or expeditions.

Grants: up to £5000.

RGS–IBG Ralph Brown Expedition Award

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with The Institute of British Geographers), 1 Kensington Gore,

London SW7 2AR. Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org, website: www.rgs.org

A major annual award for the leader of a research expedition associated with the study of inland or coastal wetlands, rivers or the shallow (< 200 m) marine environment. Applicants must be aged over 25 and a member of the RGS–IBG. Close involvement with host country institutions essential. Average grant: £15,000.

RGS–IBG Slawson Awards

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with The Institute of British Geographers), 1 Kensington Gore,

London SW7 2AR. Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org, website: www.rgs.org

Grants for PhD students undertaking geographical field research involving key development issues with strong social values. Applicants must be registered with a UK institute of higher education and must hold Fellowship of the Society. Grants: up to £3000.

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RGS-IBG Small Research Grants Scheme

Grants Co-ordinator, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org, website: www.rgs.org

This scheme provides research grants for Fellows of the RGS-IBG. Some preference will be given to grants that are intended to be pump-priming preparatory work for larger grant applications.

Applications are particularly welcomed from those in the early stages of their research careers. A PhD is normally expected. Individual grants: up to a maximum of £3000.

Rolex Awards for Enterprise

PO Box 1311, 1211 Geneva 26, Switzerland. Website: www.rolexawards.com

The Rolex Awards for Enterprise aim to encourage a spirit of enterprise in individuals around the world by supporting outstanding efforts in areas that advance human knowledge and well-being. Applications are invited in the areas of science, technology, exploration, environment and culture. Projects must expand knowledge of our world, improve the quality of life on the planet or contribute to the betterment of humankind. In judging applications, the Selection Committee determines whether the candidates show exceptional spirit of enterprise. Projects are also judged on the basis of their feasibility, originality and potential impact on the world and on society. Winners receive \$US100,000 and a gold Rolex chronometer.

Royal Anthropological Institute Emslie Horniman Fund for Anthropological Research

50 Fitzroy Street, London W1P 5HS. Website: www.therai.org.uk

Anthropological fieldwork outside the UK by individual university graduates below doctoral level.

Citizens of the UK, the Commonwealth and Ireland only eligible. Expeditions as such are *not* considered.

Grants: £1000–7000.

Royal Anthropological Institute Ruggles-Gates Fund for Biological Anthropology

50 Fitzroy Street, London W1P 5HS. Website: www.therai.org.uk

Research in biological anthropology by individuals (only within the fields of human population biology, human genetics, human ethnology, palaeoanthropology or evolutionary anthropology). No restrictions on candidate's nationality. Expeditions as such are *not* considered. Grants: up to £600 per annum.

Deadline: 31 March.

Royal Archaeological Institute

c/o Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0HS.

Website: www.britac.ac.uk/cba/rai/

Annual grants awarded for archaeological and historical research. Applications considered for archaeological fieldwork, survey and aspects of excavation and post-excavation research, architectural recording and analysis, artefact and art historical research. Grants: between £200 and £1000.

Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) Grants

Grants Officer, Royal Geographical Society (with The Institute of British Geographers), 1 Kensington Gore,

London SW7 2AR. Tel: +44 20 7591 3073, fax: +44 20 7591 3031, email: grants@rgs.org,

website: www.rgs.org/grants

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Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Education Trust

12 Great George Street, London SW1P 3AD. Tel: +44 20 7334 3873, fax: +44 20 7334 3795, website: www.ricseducationtrust.org; www.rics-foundation.org/education/applicationform.pdf
Grants for field surveying and mapping and its application to environmental research. Grants: £500–7500.

Royal Scottish Geographical Society

Graham Hills Building, 40 George Street, Glasgow G1 1QE. Tel: +44 141 552 3330, fax: +44 141 552 3331, website: www.geo.ed.ac.uk/~rsgs

RSGS Expedition Grants

For qualification or training in geography of at least one member. Expedition must have Scottish base or Scottish membership. Objectives of expedition must be inherently geographical. Recipients are required to submit a report of findings and financial statement. Average grant: £500.

RSGS Travel and Small Research Grants

The RSGS Travel Grants scheme is designed to provide individual members of the RSGS in higher education institutes with grants up to a maximum of £500 in support of geographical research. Awards are specifically given to help with the cost of travel and subsistence associated with attendance at conferences and symposia where the applicant intends to present a research paper.

The RSGS Small Research Grants scheme is designed to provide individual members of the RSGS in higher education institutions with grants not exceeding £1000 in support of geographical research. The award is specifically given to help with the cost of data collection and fieldwork. Average grant: £500.

Royal Society Research Grants Scheme

6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG. Website: www.royalsoc.ac.uk/funding

For research in any scientific or technological discipline within the natural sciences by academic workers in UK institutions of higher education. No stipends payable. Grants: up to £10,000.

Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation

Website: www.rufford.org

For individuals and groups running small conservation projects of approximately one year's duration. Applications from non-first world (less developed) areas are strongly encouraged. It is hoped that many recipients of Rufford Small Grants will progress in their field and go on to apply for a main Whitley Award. Average grant: £5000.

Shell Personal Development Awards

Website: www.shell.com/careers

For first or second year undergraduates who want to stretch themselves and reach new goals, e.g. by contributing to community projects, learning a new language or skill, planning an expedition or developing an existing skill, e.g. in sport, performance arts or music. Open to students studying in the UK or the Netherlands. Average grant: £500.

Shipton/Tilman Grant

W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc., 105 Vieve's Way, Elkton, MD 21922, USA. Website: www.gore-tex.com

For endeavours that demonstrate the exploration philosophy of Shipton and Tilman – small, lightweight and innovative.

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Society for Underwater Technology

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The society, through its Educational Support Fund, is making efforts to foster the interest of suitable graduates in marine science and technology, with an active campaign to attract the highest calibre students into the scheme. The SUT sponsors UK and overseas students at undergraduate and MSc level. Grants: £2000–5500 for an undergraduate, £4000–8000 for a postgraduate.

Sports Council for Wales

Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF11 9SW. Tel: +44 29 2030 0500, fax: +44 29 2030 0600

The Sports Council for Wales supports the principle of grant aid for overseas expeditions, which will enhance the development of a sport. Consideration will be given to Welsh-based expeditions where the majority of members qualify by birth, parentage or residence in Wales for at least 12 months in the past 2 years. Grants: between £500 and £1500.

Trans-Antarctic Association

c/o Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER. Website: www.transantarctic.org.uk

For fieldwork in Antarctica and associated research by nationals of the UK, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Note: not for Arctic work or for work by other nationals. Grants: £100–1500.

Unesco Man and the Biosphere Programme, Young Scientists Research Grant Scheme

1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris, Cedex 15, France. Tel: +33 145 68 10 00, website: www.unesco.org/mab

To facilitate research work of young scientists in Unesco Man and the Biosphere Programme field projects, international comparative studies and biosphere reserves. Applicants should not be older than 40 years. Requests must be supported by the MAB committees in the researcher's country of origin and in the host country. Grants: up to \$US5000.

Whitley Laing Foundation

50 Queensdale Road, London W11 4SA. Tel: +44 20 7602 3443, fax: +44 20 7603 3935,

email: info@whitleyaward.org, website: www.whitleyaward.org

An annual award scheme for field projects that will make a pragmatic, substantial and lasting contribution to nature conservation in developing countries. Awards to cover use of renewable energy, technology, human rights issues and general conservation work. Applicants must work with the host country. Grants: £5000–50,000.

Wilderness Award

Inglewood, New Road, High Littleton, Somerset BS39 6JH. Website: www.wildernesslectures.com

For an individual undertaking an unusual and exciting project in a wilderness area. He or she will give a lecture in the following year's Wilderness Lectures Series. This is an explorer's award and consequently semi-commercial and/or trips with charitable objectives are not supported: please read the guidelines on the website before applying. Average grant: £500.

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Wingate Scholarships

The Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation, 2nd Floor, 20–22 Stukeley Street, London WC2B 5LR.

Tel: +44 20 7438 9513, fax: +44 20 7242 3568, email: clark@wingate.org.uk, website: www.wingate.org.uk

Scholarships are awarded to individuals of great potential or proven excellence who need financial support to undertake creative or original work of intellectual, scientific, artistic, social or environmental value, or to outstandingly talented musicians for advanced training. They are designed to help with the costs of a specific project that may last for up to 3 years. Wingate Scholarships do not fund electives or adventure-type trips, or trips in connection with taught courses. Average grant: £6500.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

15 Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7 5PR. Tel: +44 20 7584 9315, website: www.wcmt.org.uk

Various categories each year including the Mike Jones Award for canoeing, and often one on exploration and adventure. No educational or professional qualifications are needed. British citizens only. Average grant: £3000+. Deadline: 31 October.

World Pheasant Association

PO Box 5, Lower Basildon, Reading RG8 9PF. Tel: +44 118 984 5140, fax: +44 118 984 3369,

email: office@pheasant.org.uk, website: www.gn.apc.org/worldpheasant/Default.htm

Projects must deal with the conservation of *Galliformes* (including their habitat). Wherever possible, it is desirable to link projects to IUCN/WPA Action Plan targets, but other activities will be considered.

Grants: £150–250.

Wyndham Deedes Travel Scholarship to Israel

The Director, Anglo-Israel Association, 9 Bentinck Street, London W1M 5RP.

Website: www.shamash.org/ejin/brijnet/aia/deedes.htm

To enable British graduates and others with special qualifications or interests, who are normally resident in the UK, to make an intensive study of some aspect of Israel. Grants: up to £2000.

Young Explorers' Trust

Ted Grey, Stretton Cottage, Wellow Road, Ollerton, Newark, Notts NG22 9AX. Tel/fax: +44 1623 861027,

email: ted@yet2.demon.co.uk, website: www.theyet.org

Expeditions with most members aged below 20 years old (not usually undergraduate expeditions) involved in discovery and exploration in remote areas. Aims can include community projects, fieldwork and/or physical adventure (climbing/sailing, etc.). New groups and ones with disadvantaged members are encouraged to apply. Grants: £100–500 or equipment bursaries.

Young Scientists for Rain Forests Award

Conservation Foundation, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR. Tel: +44 20 7591 3111,

website: www.conservationfoundation.co.uk

For ethnomedical and ethnobotanical studies in rain forests. Grants: up to £10,000.

For further information on grants for expeditions and fieldwork, see www.rgs.org/grants