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## RGS-IBG offers three extraordinary journeys of a lifetime

Applications are now open for The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)'s three annual independent travel awards, for individuals or teams from across the UK to make life-changing journeys anywhere in the world.

With the closing date for the *Neville Shulman Challenge* award, *Land Rover Go Beyond* bursary, and the BBC *Journey of a Lifetime* award just two months away, individuals or teams with ideas for an extraordinary journey that demonstrates a strong understanding of geographical issues, a determined curiosity about the world, and an aptitude for communicating this with others are invited to apply.

Journeys undertaken by previous recipients of these awards have included a 600 mile trek on foot from the Black Sea to the Caspian Sea; a visit to the Carteret Islands off the coast of Papua New Guinea to meet the first people to officially be evacuated from their homeland because of climate change; and a road-trip along the line of 50° North, connecting the stories of people living on this shared latitude.

The *Neville Shulman Challenge* award of £8,000 is open to an individual or team of UK nationals over the age of 25, who have always longed to explore another culture or environment, in Britain or overseas, and can illustrate how their journey would represent a physical or intellectual challenge.

For budding broadcasters, the *Journey of a Lifetime* award, in collaboration with the BBC, provides £4,000 for an original and unusual journey to any part of the globe. The recipient will receive broadcast training and the chance to record their experiences for a BBC Radio 4 documentary.

A team who can devise a trip that will enhance geographical understanding whilst pushing themselves beyond their normal boundaries could be the lucky recipients of the *Land Rover Go Beyond* Bursary of £10,000, with the use of a Land Rover 110 Defender to take them there.

For details of how to apply, visit [www.rgs.org/grantsforjourneys](http://www.rgs.org/grantsforjourneys). The closing date for applications for all three awards is 25 September 2009.

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## Notes to editors

1. The Royal Geographical Society (with The Institute of British Geographers) is the learned society and professional body for geography. Formed in 1830, our Royal Charter of 1859 is for 'the advancement of geographical science'. Today, we deliver this objective through developing, supporting and promoting geographical research, expeditions and fieldwork, education, public engagement, and geography input to policy. We aim to foster an understanding and informed enjoyment of our world. We hold the world's largest private geographical collection and provide public access to it. We have a thriving Fellowship and membership and offer the professional accreditation 'Chartered Geographer'. Visit [www.rgs.org](http://www.rgs.org)
2. For further information about all three awards and their previous recipients, visit [www.rgs.org/grantsforjourneys](http://www.rgs.org/grantsforjourneys) or contact [grants@rgs.org](mailto:grants@rgs.org), or 020 7591 3073.
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