

The Land Rover 'Go Beyond' Bursary

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● Land Rover 110 Defender and funding for a geographical journey

The Land Rover 'Go Beyond' Bursary run by RGS-IBG on behalf of Land Rover, provides funding of £15,000 (plus a discretionary fund to cover essential expedition costs), and the use of a 110 Defender vehicle to help the successful participants 'go beyond' to make a journey with a geographical purpose. The loan vehicle must be essential to the journey, and the winning teams will be expected to share their experience(s) by documenting the journey in accessible medium including digital/web based where possible.

Applicants will need to demonstrate how the journey 'goes beyond' their usual experiences, limits or boundaries and how the journey will promote a wider understanding or enjoyment of geography. The application deadline is **3 February 2012**.

Eligibility

- Applicants should hold a clean, valid and subsisting UK driving licence and have 3 or more years' experience of driving, and be eligible for the appropriate licence in all the countries they will be travelling through.
- Teams will comprise between 2 and 4 members
- Applicants must demonstrate a clear desire to learn from and be able to document the geography of the people, places and environments encountered on the journey itself
- The proposal must be a stand-alone project that does not require substantial additional funding/sponsorship (i.e. the bursary should cover a significant amount of the costs)
- The Land Rover Defender must be an essential part of the project
- The journey must start and finish in the UK; however, it may take place in either the UK or overseas
- The journey must take place between the period **May and October 2012**
- The recipients must demonstrate an ability to document and communicate the journey in a way that enables others to share the experience

- Documentation should be in an accessible medium including: digital; photographic; film, written, web-based; etc forms. Team members must be able to demonstrate a passion for sharing the Go Beyond journey and an expertise in getting the message across in the chosen medium
- Applicants are encouraged to become members or Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), but this is not a prerequisite.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted by email in word to the Grants Officer at the Society. Deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Applications must contain the following information:

- Title and short abstract (max 100 words)
- Name and full contact details (please include an email address)
- A description of the project (500 words) in which the following areas should be addressed:
 - How will the journey promote a wider understanding or enjoyment of geography?
 - Why is your Go Beyond journey worth making and what do you want others to learn from it?
 - For what reason(s) is this journey important to members of the team?
 - Why is the vehicle an essential tool in making the journey?
 - In what ways will you be going beyond your usual experiences, limits or boundaries
 - In what ways will you share your journey, both from the field, and on return; and what specific audiences will you engage and communicate with?
- A timetable, including proposed start and end dates
- An itemised income & expenditure budget with all sources of funding, including estimated petrol consumption



- A risk assessment and safety management plan including evidence of sufficient health and safety provision (also see ethical guidance under conditions of the award, max 300 words)
- Details of links with countries to be visited, including permissions and collaborations (max 250 words)
- A short biography or CV for each member and outline of their role stating any relevant previous experience or competencies.

Please also include how you heard about the award.

Selection process

Up to five projects will be nominated and applicants called for interview. Interviews will be held at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in London on or around 15 March 2012. The teams must be able to attend these interviews in person.

Teams selected for interview will be required to develop a more complete proposal. The overall winners will be announced shortly after the interviews, although more information may be requested before a final decision is made.

Conditions of the Award

- A finite bursary of £15,000 is provided and in addition applicants can apply for a discretionary fund of up to £15,000 to support essential logistics, fuel, insurance, vehicle transportation and related costs, and to allow for the provision of communications from the field.
- The extent of training and any other equipment will be provided at the discretion of Land Rover.
- Personal and vehicle insurance is the responsibility of the bursary holder
- Safety is paramount. Applicants must demonstrate that they have given serious consideration to this aspect, particularly if the journey is in a remote area.
- Driver Training will be provided and is compulsory for all members of the team eligible to drive
- If you do not want your name and contact details and/or specific information about your project or activities supplied as part of your application to be provided to the media, please indicate this clearly on your application.
- All team members will be required to attend a media or other briefing day before departure
- The award winners may be asked to present a lecture on the project work at the RGS-IBG at a mutually convenient date
- The RGS-IBG requires that the projects it funds be conducted in an ethical and responsible manner. Full details of the Society's ethical guidelines for

research can be found at www.rgs.org/grants-ethics.

- **Within a month** of completion of the fieldwork/data collection, you will be required to complete a short report. A number of high resolution JPEG images which capture the essence of the project are also required.
- A full final report must be submitted electronically and in hard copy by **1 September** of the year following the award. The final report must include a 250 word abstract, a description of the project and its key findings (1000 words minimum), digital images that capture the spirit of the project and its results, a final budget, and details of presentations, publications and any other outputs
- Award details, including text and images from reporting, may be used in publications and on the Society website

Note: A number of digital photographs should be high resolution and in JPEG format.

Copyright

- Copyright in all text, images, film, audio and other outputs resulting from the bursary is to be held jointly by the winner and the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)
- The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) will offer support to the winner in managing IPR associated with the bursary
- The winner shall not be entitled to use the Land Rover or the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) trademarks or logos without prior written agreement by either or both parties

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Applicants may only have one Society grant application pending at any one time. For more information, please read our Frequently Asked Questions, www.rgs.org/grantfaqs.