Other Funding Sources

- Grant giving organisations for expeditions & field research

This Directory of Grant-Giving Organisations has been compiled for those undertaking expeditions or scientific fieldwork overseas, at school, university or post-graduate level.

Further information on the Society’s own grants, and general fund-raising advice can be found on the RGS-IBG website www.rgs.org/grants

African Bird Club  http://www.africanbirdclub.org

The Clubs conservation programme supports small to medium sized conservation projects in Africa. The current budget stands at over £10,000 per annum. The Club welcomes applications for conservation awards from individuals or institutions up to maximum of £1,500 and for the annual expedition award of £2,000. Applications must be sent 3 months in advance of review dates in February, June and October.

Alexander Awards: Field Apprenticeship  http://www.rgs.org/Grants  Up to three grants of £1,500 each are offered annually for first year undergraduate geography students. The Field Apprenticeships aim to give students the opportunity of going overseas for a number of weeks during the summer to work as a Field Apprentice. Each grant recipient will work on a field research project led by a university academic member of staff. Deadline 28 February (each year).

Alpine Garden Society  http://www.alpinegardensociety.net/

AGS Travel awards are granted to students who wish to travel to worldwide destinations in order to study alpine plants in their native habitats. Applicants should be aged 18-35, unless a member of the Alpine Garden Society, when no age limit applies. In either case, applicants must be in pursuit of botanical or horticultural information. Applications should be for clearly defined projects, though Awards have been made to those wishing to participate in an AGS Tour if it complements a particular area of interest. The award is intended to supplement, rather than wholly finance, a journey. Applications should be submitted by 31 January each year.

Alpine Ski Club Awards  http://www.alpineskiclub.org.uk

The Alpine Ski Club has two award schemes to take part in a ski mountaineering expedition which includes an element of exploration, carrying out a research project on an aspect of ski mountaineering, attending an approved course in ski mountaineering and other activities which further the knowledge and practice of safe movement in the mountains on ski. The awards are especially, but not exclusively, for young skiers. The closing date for applications for the following year is October.
Andrew Croft Memorial Fund  http://www.acmf.org.uk

Supporting the advancement and education of young people under 30 by the provision of grants to individuals and organisations in support of Arctic expeditions, particularly research expeditions. Around 5 awards are granted each year and range from £200-£3,000.

Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust  http://www.andyfanshawe.org

The AFMT funds projects that give disadvantaged young people the chance to develop an existing interest in the great outdoors. Outdoor activities means walking, climbing, cycling, kayaking, sailing, horse riding and residential courses at outdoor centres. Funding for those under 26 for a climbing expedition or other outdoor initiative. The Trust could also help fund your place on a training course provided your reason for attending is for personal development rather than professional qualifications. Preference given to those who are economically disadvantaged. The AFMT only supports projects taking place within the United Kingdom. Applications on-going.

Augustine Courtauld Trust  http://www.augustinecourtauldtrust.org

Grants are made to charities within Essex, to help disadvantaged people (particularly the young) to support UK based conservation projects and for Arctic and Antarctic expeditions. Grants range from £500-£2,000. Applications on-going.

Bat Conservation International  http://www.batcon.org

Bat Conservation International's student scholarships support research on bats' roosting and feeding habitat requirements, their ecological or economic roles, or their conservation needs. Students enrolled in any college or university worldwide are eligible to apply. Projects must have bat conservation relevance. The maximum one-year award per student is $5,000. Application deadline is December.

BCRA - British Cave Research Association Research Fund  http://www.bcra.org.uk

BCRA has £25,000 to support research over 5 years from 2015, with the objective of raising interest in caves and further our understanding of them, the technology employed to enter and explore them. Grants focus on speleogenesis, archaeology /palaeontology, biology and technology and consider worthwhile projects in other areas of research. Applications will usually be reviewed in April, August and December.

Big Lottery Fund  http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

The Big Lottery Fund runs a number of funding programmes, which include grants for large and medium sized projects, international grants and research grants, ranging from £300 to over £500,000. It also funds UK-based environmental / community programmes.

Conservation Leadership Programme  http://www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org/grants/

Approximately 20 Future Conservationist Awards of up to $12,500 each and will be offered each year to teams that have been identified with leadership potential for biodiversity conservation and are developing their skills through small scale practical conservation projects. Ideal applicants for a CLP
award are early in their careers, already have some practical or academic experience of conservation and display a passion for conservation issues. Application deadline: November.

**British Society for Geomorphology**  

The British Society for Geomorphology offers grants of up to £5,000 for research projects related to geomorphology. Grants are available for postgraduate students, early career and senior researchers. Grants are also offered for conference attendance. Deadlines are 30 September and 1 February each year. Applicants must be members of the BSG.

**British Ecological Society**  

The Society provides grants to promote excellent ecological research, help fund training and travel and to communicate the science of ecology as widely as possible. In recent years, over £200,000 per annum has been awarded. Grants available include £1,000 for students, £2,000 for postgraduates and £8,000 for ecologists. Applicants must be a member of the British Ecological Society for a minimum of 1 year.

**British Ornithologists Union**  
[http://www.bou.org.uk](http://www.bou.org.uk)

The BOU grant scheme is open to BOU members only. Most of British Ornithologists Unions support is in the form of small grants of up to £2,000 per project aimed at supporting small projects outright and to part-fund medium-sized research programmes. Applications open in July and end in November.

**British Sub-Aqua BSAC Expedition Grant Scheme (BEGS)**  

Five grants of £1000 are available each year to groups of BSAC divers to promote adventurous diving. Expeditions should have a purpose such as research (e.g. finding new sites) or improvement of the expertise of a group of divers. All divers must be BSAC members and all diving should follow BSAC guidelines. Applications have to be submitted at least one month before the start of the expedition.

**Captain Scott Society**  
[http://www.captainscottsociety.com](http://www.captainscottsociety.com)

Applications should be received by the end of March in the year of the Award. The Spirit of Adventure Award (£2,000) is awarded to the individual or group that best exemplifies Captain Scott’s ‘Spirit of Adventure’. The Sir Vivian Fuchs Youth Award (£500) for 11-19 year olds is awarded, particularly for character building or unusual exploits.

**Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland**  
[http://www.carnegie-trust.org](http://www.carnegie-trust.org)

The Trust will consider applications for a grant towards the cost of research expeditions which are approved and supported by a Scottish University. The expedition must bear the name of the University and comprise at least five undergraduates from that University.

**Copp-Dash Inspire Award**  

The Copp-Dash Inspire Award provides $20,000 in grants and support to climbers each year. The Inspire Award’s goal is to assist small teams tackling difficult climbs in the great mountains of the world (before, during and after their expeditions) with financial grants and multimedia instruction to help empower
them to share their ascents through a blend of storytelling elements with a wider audience. Deadline: September 1st each year.

**CoSCAN Travel Awards**  
http://coscan.org.uk/travel-award/

The scheme aims to help young British people to visit a Scandinavian country. These awards are generally in the region of £75 - £100. They are open to anyone between the age of 15 and 25 who is planning to undertake a worthwhile project of a broadly educational nature. Application deadline: March each year.

**DARG Grants**  
http://www.devgeorg.org.uk

DARG provides an annual award to a postgraduate geography student to encourage and assist fieldwork in developing countries. It is aimed at those preparing for a PhD in topics related to development studies. Applicants should be based at a British institution of higher education, but may be of any nationality. The award is £800, although smaller awards are sometimes made. The annual deadline is 1 May.

**Darwin Initiative**  
http://www.darwin.gov.uk

The Darwin Initiative is designed to bring British expertise to bear on the biodiversity needs of developing countries. To date over two hundred projects have been funded at a total cost of £27 million. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs invites applications from British institutions, organisations and individuals for support for projects under the Darwin Initiative.

**Eagle Ski Club**  
http://www.eagleskiclub.org.uk

The Eagle Ski Club offers 3 grants for ski mountaineering expeditions and training courses: 1) To assist under 35s to get established in ski touring or ski mountaineering or to improve their skills. 2) To provide training for ESC members who would like to lead tours for the club. 3) To assist ESC members to take part in ski touring and ski mountaineering expeditions. Average grant £150. Applications should be made at least 2 months prior to the starting date of the subject of the grant application.

**Earth and Space Foundation**  
http://www.earthandspace.org

The Foundation funds expeditions that use either the Earth’s resources and environments to help us understand other worlds and assist in the exploration of space. Most expeditions are eligible. They include university expeditions and other expeditions from private or non-profit organizations and government expeditions. Awards are currently the equivalent of $250 or $500 each. The deadline for applications is 30 April each year.

**Earth Model Award**  
https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Education-and-Careers/Grants/Earth-Model-Award

The award aims to foster the link between industry and academia by rewarding excellence in Master’s level research relevant to natural resource exploration. The purpose of the award is to stimulate research relevant to global geoscience. This is an opportunity to present your research to a panel of industry and academic professionals and for you and your department to gain recognition for your work. The competition will be open to all international geoscience masters’ students for projects relating to
global geoscience with implications for natural resource exploration, particularly those related to our next STEPS research theme: Big Data Science in Exploration and Production. The competition opens in August and will close at the end of October. Prizes range from $2,500 (USD) to $1,000 (USD).

**Earthwatch Institute**  http://www.earthwatch.org

Earthwatch’s overarching goal is to support research projects that produce rigorous, relevant, and impactful science, address global change, and actively involve citizen-scientist participants. We distribute requests for proposals (RFPs) annually. We evaluate proposals based on scientific merit, appropriateness of citizen-scientist activities, expected project outcomes and impacts, safety, and logistics. Annual budgets range between US $20,000–$80,000, with most of this covering participant expenses. The deadline for submitting an abstract is July.

**Economic & Social Research Council**  http://www.esrc.ac.uk

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funds research and training in social and economic issues. The ESRC funds projects from £2,000 - £2million, funding over 2,500 researchers in academic institutions and policy research institutes throughout the UK. ESRC also support more than 2,000 postgraduate students.

**Environment and Sustainability Research Grants (RGS-IBG)**  [www.rgs.org/grants](http://www.rgs.org/grants)

Three awards of £15,000 are available for research projects that investigate some of the bigger issues of environmental sustainability. This can include, but is not limited to, water and development, energy security and urban migration. The awards will be offered to researchers within 10 years of completing their PhD. The application deadline is 22nd of February each year.


The Trust bursaries are awarded annually to applicants requiring financial assistance, in order to pursue projects on birds and other natural history subjects of scientific and conservation value, made through writing, photography, painting or illustration. Bursaries of up to £750 available. Deadline: 30 September each year.

**Explorers Club Exploration Fund**  [http://www.explorers.org](http://www.explorers.org)

The Exploration Fund Grant is for graduate, post-graduate, doctorate and early career post-doctoral students. It provides grants in support of exploration and field research. Awards range from $500 to $5,000. Deadline: November each year.

**Explorers Club Youth Activity Fund**  [http://www.explorers.org](http://www.explorers.org)

Youth Activity Fund grants are made to full-time high school and undergraduate college students to enable them to participate in field research in the natural sciences under the supervision of a qualified scientist or institution. Grants range from $500 to $5,000. The average award is approximately $1,500. Deadline: November each year.

**Falkland Islands Foundation**  [http://www.shackletonfund.com](http://www.shackletonfund.com)

The Trust is responsible for the Shackleton Scholarship Fund. The Fund offers 2 scholarships. 1) Academic: for graduates to visit the South Atlantic for research into the natural or social sciences. 2) Quality of Life. For people whose visits to the Falkland Islands, or from the Falkland Islands to other
parts of the world, enhance the quality of life for the Islanders. In a normal year it spends around £12,000 on about five scholarships. Application deadline: 31st March each year.

**Fauna & Flora International**  

FFI is the world's longest established international conservation body. Fauna & Flora International provide support to conservation initiatives throughout the world, in the form of partnerships, technical assistance, direct funding and consultancy. Projects must directly help endangered species of Flora or Fauna. Since 2009 the fund has developed a particular focus on encouraging applicants from the UK Overseas Territories.

**Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco**  
[http://www.fpa2.com](http://www.fpa2.com)

Since its inception, the Foundation has facilitated the implementation of projects protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development on a global scale, specifically in the Polar Regions, the Mediterranean Basin and some of the world’s least developed countries in Africa, South America and south-east Asia. To date, 125+ projects have been selected as recipients of grants totalling more than $23 million. The Foundation welcomes applications from public and private organizations throughout the year.

**Fred Harper Memorial Trust**  

Funding for the advancement of education and training in the skills necessary for safe mountain walking and climbing. Funds of £1,500-£2,000 are dispersed each year. Contact: British Mountain Guides for more information.

**Frederick Soddy Postgraduate Award**  
[http://www.rgs.org/grants](http://www.rgs.org/grants)

An annual award of up to £6,000 for a PhD student/group of PhD students carrying out fieldwork research on ‘the study of the social, economic and cultural life of a region’, anywhere in the world. Application deadline: 18 January each year.

**The Soddy Schools Fieldwork Awards**  
[http://www.soddy.org](http://www.soddy.org)

Funding for school expeditions and fieldwork which is focused on research largely involving contemporary human geography normally up to £2,000. Preference will be given to those schools applying for funds for expeditions or field study in the United Kingdom and Ireland as opposed to countries elsewhere in the world. Submit applications September-January each year.

**Fuchs Foundation**  
[http://www.fuchsfoundation.org](http://www.fuchsfoundation.org)

The Fuchs Foundation aims to inspire future generations by sending young teachers to Polar Regions to do scientific projects in hostile environments. On return, Fuchs Foundation’s teachers are required to work with their local schools by developing project work and resources which can be freely shared as well as effectively used by all teachers. A £500 bursary is available from The Fuchs Foundation upon successful application on the expedition.
G.A Wainwright Fund for Near Eastern Archaeology http://www.gawainwright.co.uk
The fund aims to encourage the study of non-classical archaeology and the general history of the countries of the Middle East. The recipients of the fund are wide ranging - the fund awards research grants to mature scholars of up to $4,000 and also sponsors a post-doctoral fellowship. Deadlines: 1 April and 1 October.

Geographical Association International Initiatives Fund (GAIIF)
https://www.geography.org.uk/Funding-opportunities-for-geography-teachers
Managed by the GA’s International Special Interest Group, this fund aims to promote international relationships between individuals and associations concerned with geographical education. Three or four awards of up to £1000 are made each year.

Geographical Fieldwork Grants http://www.rgs.org/GFG
Several grants are available for fieldwork, research and expedition teams, primarily for undergraduate groups conducting geographical fieldwork. Successful applicants may receive a grant of up to £3,000 and can use the phrase ‘approved by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)’ in promotional literature. Application deadline is 31 January each year. Eligibility: Expedition and fieldwork teams of 3 or more people.

Global learning funding for KS2-3
https://www.geography.org.uk/Funding-opportunities-for-geography-teachers
The Global Learning Programme for England (GLP-E) has funding for schools to develop some global learning based transition work between KS2 and 3. Each school that takes part and reports back can claim £500 (not independent schools). See also the GLP-E website too. Contact Julie Beattie at jbeattie@geography.org.uk.

Geological Society
https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Education-and-Careers/Grants#Society
Approximately 10 research grants available per year, including the Early Career Geologist award for the advancement of geological science, averaging from £1,000. Applicants must apply in affiliation with a University. Applications deadlines vary dependant on grant application.

Ghar Parau Foundation http://www.bcra.org.uk/gpf/
The purpose of the fund is to provide grant aid to assist caving expeditions from Britain to all parts of the world. The Committee looks favourably on small expeditions to new and distant limestone areas, planned in the spirit of true exploration. There have also been grants provided in support of technological advances such as cave detection and cave surveying and its dynamic presentation. Submit applications between 31st January and 31st August.

Gilchrist Educational Trust http://www.gilchristgrants.org.uk
Gilchrist Educational Trust offers 3 types of grants. 1) Individuals - full-time students at a British university who face unexpected financial difficulties. 2) Organisations - for efforts by British
organisations. 3) Expeditions - modest-sized British expeditions for scientific research abroad. Applications must be submitted by the end of February.

**Gilchrist Fieldwork Award**  
[link](http://www.rgs.org/grants)

The Gilchrist Educational Trust offers a biennial award of £15,000 to support original and challenging overseas fieldwork carried out by small teams of university academics and researchers. The research should include a single field session of at least six weeks. There should be strong links with the host country and preferably the research should be of applied benefit to the host nation. Eligibility: Small teams of university academics and researchers. Deadline: 22 February (The award is run biennially in even years).

**Gino Watkins Memorial Fund**  
[link](http://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/about/funding/ginowatkins/)

The Gino Watkins Memorial Fund, under the joint trusteeship of the University of Cambridge and the Royal Geographical Society, gives grants towards expeditions that meets its objectives of guiding and inspiring enterprising young people towards scientific research and exploration in the polar regions. Deadline: 31st January each year.

**Global Environment Facility**  
[link](http://www.thegef.org/)

The Global Environment Facility has supported over 1,950 projects that produce global environmental benefits in developing countries since 1991. The amount of grants are determined by the type of project, which is a function of project size. The types of projects are: Full-Sized Projects, Medium-Sized Projects, Enabling Activities, and Small Grants Programme. Community-based organizations (CBOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have the opportunity to apply for grants through the Small Grants Programme.

**Global Heritage Fund**  
[link](http://www.globalheritagefund.org)

The Global Heritage Fund (GHF) support one year projects in disciplines of archaeological conservation, historic preservation, heritage management, conservation science, site management planning, GIS and mapping, and sustainable tourism and community development. Grants are aimed towards international and in-country scholars and students.

**Harley Fellowships**  
[link](http://www.maphistory.info/harley.html)

The Harley Fellowships provide support for those doing postgraduate level work in map collections in the London area. Support of up to four weeks, normally at a rate of £400 per week is available. All applications should concern the history of cartography rather than a related discipline, for example, historical geography. For the period 2018-2020, we are pleased to announce that there will be at least one additional Harley Fellowship funded wholly or partly by the Historical Geography Research Group of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG). Applicants are encouraged to become members of the HGRG; otherwise the normal Harley Fellowship criteria apply. Deadline: 1 November each year.

**Hans Saari Memorial Fund Ski Exploration Grant (HSMF)**  
[link](http://www.hansfund.org)

The Fund’s Ski Exploration Grant encourages ski mountaineers to challenge themselves with new, ambitious ski projects that expand the boundaries of ski mountaineering and provide a better
understanding of mountain culture. The Fund may award $15,000 and up to 3-5 grants annually.
Deadline: 1 March each year.

**Henrietta Hutton Research Grants**
The Henrietta Hutton Memorial Fund offers two annual research grants of £500 each to students who intend to undertake field research overseas. The award is open to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. Applicants must be registered at a UK Higher Education Institution. Deadline: 18 January each year.

**Innovative Geography Teaching Grants**
The RGS-IBG awards two grants of £1,000 to fund the development of imaginative and creative educational resources for geography teaching at secondary level. The grants will be awarded for collaborative teams of teachers and Higher Education researchers. Each year, resources created will be based upon a theme or timely issue identified by the Society. Deadline: 15 February each year.

**Janapar grant**
http://janapar-grant.org.uk/
The grant is available to UK residents between the ages of 18-25 who intended to spend a minimum of 6 months travelling abroad. Its purpose is to help young people begin a rite-of-passage journey at a time in their lives when it will benefit them most, with the fewest possible strings attached. See website for more details.

**Jasmin Leila Award**
http://www.rgs.org/Grants
The Award, which has been running since 2008, is given as a £250 supplement to one of the projects supported under the Society’s Small Research Grant scheme or as an independent award. In tribute to Jasmin, the project to be recognised by the Award will have a focus on either: Medical and health geography, Performance (especially any aspects of music, theatre, fashion and/or dance) and their geographies, or Transnational communities.

**Jeremy Wilson Charitable Trust**
http://www.jwct.org.uk/
JWCT is a charity set up in memory of Jeremy Wilson. The charity helps people and projects that reflect Jeremy’s passions in life: athletics, geology, adventure and the environment. The ‘Geological expeditions’ and ‘Mountaineering expeditions’ deadlines are 31 October/ 30 April. The Adventurous activities in the UK and overseas deadlines are 31 November/ 31 May. Applications for ‘Support for sportspeople’ and ‘Equipment for sports organisations grants’ are open throughout the year. See website for more details on all grants.

**Jim Bishop Memorial Fund**
http://www.theyet.org/what-we-do/grant-awards/
A number of financial awards are made each year for expeditions to young individuals (under 19) who show particular merit through the Trust’s Grant Aid procedure. Only expeditions gaining Young Explorers’ Trust Approval will be considered for grants.
The Trust supports charitable organisations and causes in the arts, welfare and community, education, medical and health, churches and historic buildings, the environment and developing countries. Apart from developing countries nearly all of the support relates to causes in Norwich and Norfolk. The Trust is not able to support individual education programmes. Cut off dates for inclusion on the list for consideration are the end of November and end of April respectively. The Trust does not have application forms. Organisations interested in applying for grants are asked to provide information about the project including financial information and a set of their most recent accounts where available.

The award offers a £5,000 grant for an original and inspiring journey anywhere in the world. The award recipient will receive training in radio broadcasting from the BBC and will record their experiences for a BBC Radio 4 documentary. Deadline: 6 November each year.

A grant of £200 - £2,000 will be made on merit to a person who wishes to "go - and do it" in the spirit of Bill Wallace. The project will involve travel to wild places, must be adventurous, of educational or scientific significance and be a life-changing experience leading to a commitment to practical action to conserve wild places. People of all ages and abilities are eligible to apply. Deadline: 15 January each year.

The Julie Tullis Memorial Award, is a small grant to assist deserving female mountaineers or any disabled climbers or mountaineers, both male and female, to achieve their climbing or mountaineering ambitions. Applications for the Julie Tullis Memorial Award can be made via the BMC Expedition Grant form, and should include a short covering note explaining how the project fits the award criteria. Closing dates are 1st November (for expeditions or projects taking place before March the following year) or 1st March (for expeditions or projects planned for the rest of that year).

Training grants and fellowships exclusively fund research related specifically to human origins. Eligible applicants must either hold a PhD or equivalent qualification in anthropology or a related discipline; or be enrolled in a doctoral program with all degree requirements fulfilled other than the dissertation. Research Grants are awarded twice annually (in May and December) and are usually in the $3,000-$15,000 range, whilst post-doctoral grants may be funded up to $25,000.

The Land Rover Bursary, run by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) on behalf of Land Rover, provides up to £30,000 in funding and the locan of a Land Rover vehicle to help the successful participants take a challenging journey beyond their limits and boundaries. 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 a medium of their choice: digital; photographic; film, written; visual; musical etc. To register your interest in the Land Rover Bursary, please contact grants@rgs.org.

**Leverhulme Trust**  [https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/grant-funding](https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/grant-funding)

The Trust makes awards for the support of research and education. Institutions eligible to apply are universities, other institutions of higher education in the UK, and registered charities in the UK which have research capacity equivalent in standing to that of a UK university. Research Project Grants may be held for up to five years. The maximum grant value is £500,000.

**Lindbergh Foundation**  [http://www.lindberghfoundation.org](http://www.lindberghfoundation.org)

Grants of up to $10,580 to persons whose individual initiative and work in a wide spectrum of disciplines furthers the Lindberghs' vision of a balance between the advance of technology and the preservation of the natural / human environment.

**Manchester Geographical Society**  [http://www.mangeogsoc.org.uk](http://www.mangeogsoc.org.uk)

This fund is intended to help University lecturers in the north west with small projects which might have difficulty getting funds elsewhere. There is no restriction on the uses to which the funds may be put. Applicants must undertake to submit an article to North West Geography within one year. Applications should reach the Society's office by the first Tuesday in February. The Society's Academic Committee decides which bids to support, solely on grounds of excellence; decisions will usually be notified during March each year.

**Merlin Trust**  [http://www.merlin-trust.org.uk](http://www.merlin-trust.org.uk)

The Merlin Trust offers grants for young (preferably between the ages of 20 and 35) horticulturists. Applicants should be able to demonstrate the value of their project. Each year all reports are assessed for their eligibility for one of two £500 prizes. Grants are not normally given to aid postgraduate study or to fund highly technical, laboratory-based research. Enthusiasm is considered of equal importance to qualifications. Applications from Britain and Ireland are invited throughout the year.

**Monica Cole Research Grant**  [http://www.rgs.org/Grants](http://www.rgs.org/Grants)

The Monica Cole Research Grant offers £1,000 each year to a physical geographer undergraduate or postgraduate student undertaking original fieldwork overseas. The Grant is given in memory of Professor Monica Cole, an eminent physical geography researcher. Deadline: 18 January each year.

**Mount Everest Foundation**  [http://www.mef.org.uk](http://www.mef.org.uk)

Grants (up to £2,000) for British and New Zealand expeditions proposing mountaineering exploration or research in high mountain regions. Also awards Alison Chadwick Memorial Grant (£300) "to further British and Polish women’s mountaineering in the greater ranges". The MEF also supports education and field research involving the worlds mountains regions. Closing dates for receipt of completed applications are 30th September and 31st January.

**Mountaineering Scotland**  [https://www.mountaineering.scot/members/members-benefits/mcofs-bursaries](https://www.mountaineering.scot/members/members-benefits/mcofs-bursaries)
Mountaineering Scotland administers a grant awarding scheme towards helping those undertaking climbing and mountaineering activities. £4000 is available per annum including: Traditional style expeditions whose objective is one of excellence and adventure whether they be first ascents or first free ascents of routes in the greater ranges and little or unexplored mountain areas of the world, Pure rock or pure ice climbs in less remote settings but which are nonetheless worthy of international recognition.

National Geographic Society Expeditions Council
https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/what-we-fund/

The Expeditions Council awards grants for exploration, adventure, and related technologies that provide new information about areas either largely or completely unknown. Council-supported projects are intended to be shared with a broad audience, and thus must have great story-telling potential for print and broadcast media. Applicants are expected to have qualifications and experience pertinent to the expedition or project they propose. Grants generally range from U.S. $15,000 to $35,000. The Expeditions Council also awards a small number of new explorer’s grants in the range of $2000 to $5000 each to promising young individuals with exceptional field projects. Deadlines For Submitting Your Application: April 4, 2018 (All future deadlines will occur on a quarterly basis).

National Geographic Society Research Committee
http://www.nationalgeographic.com/research

Applicants planning work in foreign countries should include at least one local collaborator as part of their research teams. The selection committee will not consider applications seeking support solely for laboratory work or archival research. Applicants are expected to have advanced degrees (Ph.D. or equivalent) and be associated with an educational organization or institution. Most grants range from U.S. $15,000 to $20,000 and up to 250 are awarded each year. Deadlines For Submitting Your Application: April 4, 2018 (All future deadlines will occur on a quarterly basis).

National Geographic Student Expeditions http://ngstudentexpeditions.com/about/scholarships/

The National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship Program provides financial support for students seeking educational summer experiences who could not otherwise afford them. Last year, 20 full scholarships were awarded to 20 students from all around the country. Eligibility: Students completing 9th through 12th grades who are legal residents of the United States or Canada. Deadline: 1 March each year.

Nato Scientific Affairs Division http://www.nato.int/science

The Science for Peace and Security Programme supports collaboration through three established grant mechanisms: multi-year research projects, research workshops, and training courses. Interested applicants must develop a collaborative activity that fits within one of the following formats: 1. Multi-year research & development projects, 2. Training courses, 3. Workshops. Deadlines are 1 February, 1 June, 1 October each year.

Neville Shulman Challenge Award http://www.rgs.org/grants
The Neville Shulman Challenge Award is an annual award of between £5,000 and £8,000. The Award aims to further the understanding and exploration of the planet, its cultures, peoples and environments, while promoting personal development through the intellectual or physical challenges involved in undertaking the research and/or expedition. Projects can be desk or field based and are for independent travel. Applications are invited from both individuals and groups. Eligibility: UK nationals over the age of 25. Deadline: 30 November each year.

**Nick Estcourt Award**  
http://www.nicestcourtaward.org

Applications are invited from expeditions attempting an objective of considerable mountaineering significance. Applications are considered solely in terms of their mountaineering merit. Scientific and other objectives are not taken into account. Awards will not be made to expeditions with a significant commercial or military element. One grant is made each year in the region of £2,000. Deadline: 31 January each year.

**One World Media**  
https://www.oneworldmedia.org.uk/production-fund/apply/

The One World Media Production Fund has supported over 160 emerging journalists and filmmakers to report from 68 developing countries. The fund provides each recipient with a £1,000 grant, one-to-one mentoring, invaluable workshops on sound, editing and post production led by industry experts and introductions to commissioners at Sky News. Deadline: 5th of November.

**Pain Adventure Trust**  
http://www.pain-trust.org.uk

The grant aims to give local boys the opportunity for adventurous activity. All applicants for grants must be male, and resident in the area administered by East Devon District Council. However, they do not have to be part of male only parties and participants in mixed parties are considered on an equal basis. Applicants must have reached the age of 10 but not exceeded 21. All activities must include substantial elements of travel and/or adventure in order to qualify for support. Applications on going.

**Palestine Exploration Fund**  
http://www.pef.org.uk

Grants are awarded for projects that advance the education of the public in history, archaeology (including biblical aspects), art, languages, ethnology, geography, natural and earth sciences of the Levant. The Fund is also willing to consider awarding a small number of travel grants to research students to be used for visiting collections or excavations relating to their dissertation research. Applicants for Fund grants should be or become subscribers to the Palestine Exploration Fund. Grants range from £250- £1,400. Deadline: 23 February each year.

**Patagonia**  
http://www.patagonia.com

Patagonia funds environmental work only and are most interested in making grants to support small, grassroots activist organisations with provocative direct-action agendas and a commitment to long term change. Funding limited to the US, Canada, Japan, Chile, Argentina, United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Norway, Luxembourg, Italy, Ireland, Germany, France, Denmark, Belgium, Austria, Australia and the Czech Republic. Grants up to $12,000 are awarded. The two annual deadlines are January 31 and June 30.
People's Trust for Endangered Species  
http://www.ptes.org

Worldwide grants applications are welcomed from scientific researchers and conservationists for financial support for work that is aimed at the preservation of endangered species, either through research or practical field work. Priority will be given to those projects that are likely to lead to a lasting benefit for the species concerned. Grants are usually in the region of £3,000-£10,000. Application deadline is in April.

Percy Sladen Memorial Trust  
http://www.linnean.org/

The Percy Sladen Memorial Fund gives grants for field work abroad in the earth and life sciences. Grants are generally for sums up to £1,500. Funds are not available for further education of any kind, for visits to conferences, for work in institutions or for field work undertaken as part of a dissertation or higher degree. Undergraduate expeditions are not supported. Closing dates are 30th January and 30th September annually.

RGS-IBG Postgraduate Research Awards  
http://www.rgs.org/grants

The Society offers several awards of up to £2,500 annually for PhD students undertaking fieldwork/data collection. These awards, offered to individuals, aim to help students establish themselves in their particular field. Awards are offered in each of the following areas: physical environment; conservation and sustainability; society and economy. Awards include: The Geographical Club Award, The Hong Kong Research Grant and The Dudley Stamp Memorial Award. Deadline: 23 November each year.

Quaternary Research Association  
http://www.qra.org.uk

The QRA provides grants to its members with the aim of promoting high quality Quaternary research, training and dissemination of results, as widely as possible. Applications from postgraduates or from those members without access to conventional sources of funding will receive particular consideration. A number of grants are on offer, ranging from £500-£1000 including New Research Workers' Awards, Postgraduate QRA Meetings Awards, Quaternary Conference Fund and Quaternary Research Fund. Deadlines for all awards are 15th January, 15th May and 15th September each year.

Rainforest Alliance  
https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/careers/kleinhans-fellowship

The Kleinhans Fellowship supports research to better understand and improve the impacts of non-timber forest product (NTFP) harvest and marketing on rural livelihoods and tropical forest ecosystems. Applications will outline the need for research, its potential applications and its likely impact on local communities and forest ecosystems. Successful applicants will have a master's degree in forestry, ecology, botany, environmental science or an appropriate related field. Awards up to $20,000 per year for two years. Deadline: February 28th 2019.

Ralph Brown Expedition Award  
http://www.rgs.org/grants

The grant is a single annual award worth £12,500, offered to the leader of an expedition working in a marine environment. This includes the study of coral reefs, rivers, lakes and shallow seas. The project should be of value to the host country and, where possible, to the local community. Applicants must be
Fellows or members of the Society. The grant is open to applicants from any nation. Deadline: 23 November each year.

Ray Y. Gildea Jr Award  
http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Teaching/Ray+Y+Gildea+Jr+Award.htm

The Ray Y. Gildea Jr Award supports innovation in teaching and learning in both higher and secondary education. Grants of up to £1,000 are awarded annually. Applications can be made for projects to research, develop and/or pilot innovations in teaching and learning in any field of geography in higher or secondary education. The outcomes of the grant should be able to be shown to be of direct benefit to students of geography. Eligibility: Teaching at the secondary and higher education level. Deadline: 30 November each year.

Reg Gilbert International Youth Friendship Trust (Gift)  
http://giftfriendshiptrust.org.uk/

GIFT is able to offer a limited number of bursaries each year (subject to available funds) of up to £500 per successful applicant, who have made arrangements through bona-fide organisations e.g. Raleigh to undertake projects in third world countries. Most applicants will be gap-year students. Contact: The Secretary, GIFT, 17a Culverhill, Frome, Somerset, BA11 5AB

Reserve Forces Ulysses Trust  
http://www.ulyssestrust.co.uk

The Fund aims to assist challenging expeditions and adventurous activities for the members of all Volunteer Reserve Forces (VRF) and Cadet Forces of the UK. The annual grant allocation is for £20,000 to adult Reserve units, £20,000 for UOTC/UAS/URNU, and £20,000 to Cadet units. Grants range from £500 to £10,000 depending on expedition size. Occasionally, larger sums, for instance £10,000 or more, have been made to major expeditions, though for these it is essential to discuss them with the Hon Secretary and apply a year ahead.

RICS Education Trust  
http://www.rics.org/uk/knowledge/research/education-trust-shortcut/

The RICS Research Trust has an established reputation for supporting research relating to land, geomatics, built environment and residential and commercial property right across the world. The Trust 1) Awards grants for research projects of up to £7,500. 2) Administers one-off awards for specific research projects. 3) Provides travel bursaries for final year PhD students to attend conferences overseas to present their research. Closing dates are the last week of March and first week of October annually.

Rockefeller Foundation  
https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/our-work/grants/

The Foundation is a proactive grantmaker seeking to spread the benefits of globalization to more people in more places around the world. Applications must clearly fit within the Foundation’s funding strategies: Revalue Ecosystems; Advance Health; Secure Livelihoods; and Transform Cities. Applications are welcomed from organisations throughout the year. Grants range from $100,000-$1,000,000 and up.

Rolex Awards For Enterprise  
http://www.rolexawards.com

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. The Selection Committee determines whether the candidates show exceptional spirit of enterprise. Awards are given every two years (on even numbered years). Winners receive 100,000 Swiss francs and a gold Rolex chronometer.

**Royal Anthropological Institute**

http://www.therai.org.uk

Research grants administered by the Royal Anthropological Institute include the Emslie Horniman Anthropological Scholarship Fund (31 March each year), Radcliffe-Brown & Firth Trust Funds for Social Anthropological Research (30 April and 30 November each year), and the Ruggles-Gates Fund for Biological Anthropology (31 March each year). The grants vary in their criteria and range from £500 to £7,000.

**Royal Archaeological Institute**

http://www.royalarchninst.org/

The Royal Archaeological Institute has research funds available each year; the RAI Research Fund (awards up to £5,000), the Tony Clark Memorial Fund (up to £500 for scientific elements of archaeological projects) and the Bunnell Lewis Research Fund (up to £750 for projects which involve the excavation and exploration of Roman sites). Applications will be considered for all aspects of archaeological fieldwork and research. Preference will be given to projects within the British Isles which have significant part-time / amateur involvement.

**Royal Scottish Geographical Society**

http://www.rsgs.org

The Society offers expedition and research grants of up to £900. Travel grants (£250 - £500) are also available and welcomed particularly from postgraduates and those early in their research careers. RSGS grant applicants must have Scots as members or base their research in Scotland. Grants currently being revised and updated - check website for up-to-date details. (24-Jan-2018).

**Royal Society**

http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk

Grants are available for research in any scientific or technological discipline within the natural sciences by academics in UK institutions of higher education. No stipends payable. Unable to provide funding to Masters or PhD students. Grants range from £5,000- £15,000. Deadline: check website.

**Royal Society for Asian Affairs**

http://www.rsaa.org.uk

The Society administers the RSAA Travel and Adventure Award to encourage 18-25 year-old individuals to travel with a purpose in Asia. Suitable projects should relate to the geography, history, environmental conservation, culture or art of the part of Asia to be visited. Any part of Asia, including the Middle East may be chosen. Maximum amount: £1,000. Deadline: November.

**Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation**

http://www.rufford.org https://apply.ruffordsmallgrants.org/

A grant of up to £6,000 is available for small nature conservation programmes and pilot projects. Funding is available to both individuals or small groups. Projects in first world countries, conferences, pure research projects and expeditions are not eligible to apply for funding. Once completing the initial project, you are available to apply for further funding, amounting to £68,000 over different phases. Applications are welcomed throughout the year.
Ruggles-Gate Fund For Research
https://www.therai.org.uk/awards/research-grants/ruggles-gates-fund-for-biological-anthropology

The Fund provides grants of up to £1,000 for research in biological anthropology. Preference will be given to those applications which lie within human population biology, human genetics, human ethology and palaeoanthropology. Deadline: 31 March each year.

Save Our Species http://sospecies.org/sos_projects/

SOS provides two types of grants: Threatened Species Grants (25,000 to 800,000 $US) for which calls with specific Strategic Directions are issued on a regular basis. Projects above 200,000 $US will be awarded on an exceptional basis. Rapid Action Grants (up to 25,000 $US) available on an ongoing basis and supporting conservation actions in case of emergency situations. Check wedbiste for details on ongoing application deadlines.

Scientific Exploration Society http://www.ses-explore.org

The SES Explorer Awards offer support to people who can demonstrate their leadership capabilities to date. The Awards aim to provide a legacy for personal development, as well as a legacy in the field in which the expedition takes place. Applicants must instigate their own expedition, which must contain scientific fieldwork. From 2018, SES are offering £30,000 spread over 6 awards. All awards have a deadline of 12th January.

Slawson Awards http://www.rgs.org/grants

Awards of up to £3,000 for geographical field research outside the UK (preferably in developing countries) involving development issues with a high social and economic value. Geography related disciplines such as anthropology, development economics and sociology will be considered. Eligibility: Postgraduate students undertaking a PhD course. Deadline: 22 February each year.

RGS-IBG Small Research Grants http://www.rgs.org/grants

The Society offers several awards of up to £3,000 to individuals for original desk and/or field based research in any area of geography. Preference will be given to early career researchers. Each year one grant of up to £3,000 will be made available from the 20th International Geographical Congress. Deadline: 18 January each year.

Society For Underwater Technology http://www.sut.org.uk

The Educational Support Fund offers sponsorship awards to undergraduate and postgraduate students of any age and nationality, either starting or continuing a degree which embraces at least one relevant component area of marine science, underwater technology or offshore engineering. The postgraduate award is only available to students taking one year taught MSc courses. Annual awards range from £2,000 for undergraduates to £4,000 for taught MSc students. Deadline: 29th June preceding the start or continuation of the degree course in October of the same year.

Speleological Union of Ireland http://www.cavingireland.org/SUI/Expedition.

Anyone undertaking a caving expedition is open to apply for grant aid. A successful application should be unique in its aims, embarking on new discoveries and preferably developing caving more generally.
Evidence of thorough planning of the expedition is vital. A full expedition report must be completed and submitted on return from the trip. Applications welcomed throughout the year, 4 months in advance of the expedition.

**The Adventure Fund**  
http://www.theadventurefund.com

The Adventure Fund is an annual grant established to support individuals or groups who display a creative and innovative approach towards adventurous travel and expeditioning. The Fund focusses exclusively on supporting the spirit of adventure in itself, whatever you may be doing and wherever you may be heading. Applications are welcome from all ages, nationalities, activities and size of expedition. Deadline: 1 March each year.

**The Arrol Trust**  
http://www.unigrants.co.uk/scotland/all-scotland/arrol-trust

Aimed at people aged 16 to 25, looking to broaden their horizons through travel, possibly in the form of gap year or voluntary projects. The trust does not sponsor any student who has already started university, and is only intended for school leavers. The trust awards around £3000 annually.

**The Cross Trust**  
http://www.thecrosstrust.org.uk/index.html

The Cross Trust is a charitable body which gives grants to young men and women of SCOTTISH BIRTH OR PARENTAGE who are of merit and in financial need to extend the boundaries of their knowledge of human life. Organisations and individuals are eligible to apply. Awards include vacation studies and postgraduate awards, amongst others.

**The Linnean Society of London**  
https://www.linnean.org/the-society/medals-awards-prizes-grants

The Linnean Society provides a variety of grants which aim to promote the study of all aspects of the biological sciences: Percy Sladen Memorial Fund Grants of up to £1500 supporting field work abroad in the earth and life sciences (30th January and 30th September annually); The Systematics Research Fund supports research in the field of systematics and taxonomy (15th February); The Appleyard Fund of up to £2,000 supporting research projects in botany or zoology, by Fellows or Associates of the Society (14th September); The Dennis Stanfield Memorial Fund Funding up to £2,000 supporting botanical research on tropical African plants (14th September); The Anne Sleep Awards of up to £3,000 to assist with biological research in the Middle and Far East (16th September).

**The Next Challenge**  
http://thenextchallenge.org/

The Next Challenge Grant is an annual bursary for adventures. Each year TNC typically raises around £2,000. The money is distributed between the winning applicants, each receiving between £100 and £800 (plus kit). It is primarily aimed at beginners and those who have not done lots of expeditions before. The trip cannot be part of an organised trip, race or event. Anyone can apply. The application deadline is 31 January each year.

**The Rob Potter Award**  
http://www.rgs.org/grantsThe Rob Potter Award is given in celebration of Rob Potter, an eminent human geographer and founding editor of Progress in Development Studies. The Rob Potter Award is
given as a £1,500 supplement to one of the projects supported under the Society’s Small Research Grant scheme or as an independent award. The project to be recognised by the Award will have a focus on: geographies of development (especially urbanisation, housing and participatory planning, and socio-economic development) or transnational migration and identities. Deadline: 18th January each year.

**Thesiger-Oman International Fellowships**  
[www.rgs.org/grants](http://www.rgs.org/grants)

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) offers annual Fellowships of up to £8,000 for geographical research in the Middle East and other arid regions of the world. Grants can be awarded for research on the physical aspects of the desert environment or the human dimension of arid and semi arid environments. Eligibility: Researchers with at least 3 years experience at postgraduate level or above. Applicants must be affiliated to a higher education institution. This can be anywhere in the world. Deadline: 23 November each year.

**Thirtieth International Geographical Congress Award**  
[www.rgs.org/grants](http://www.rgs.org/grants)

Five grants of up to £750 are awarded annually to researchers to assist with the cost of attending an international conference. Priority is given to early career researchers presenting papers. The conference must be organised by a geographical organisation, associated or union affiliated with the International Council of Science (ISCU). Deadline for applications is 31 October and 22 February each year.

**Timmissartok Foundation**  

The Timmissartok Foundation was founded in 2000 to assist individuals with adventurous projects that will take place in a foreign country. The foundation believes that one individual with a dream can be more powerful than a string of committees. The foundation is interested in projects that will allow exposure to foreign languages. Applications are welcomed throughout the year and are open to individuals seeking adventure in foreign lands - all nationalities, all ages. Grants are small.

**Trans-Antarctic Association**  
[http://www.transantarctic.org.uk](http://www.transantarctic.org.uk)

The Trans-Antarctic Association is a charity which exists to promote, organise, encourage or support scientific research or expeditions of discovery in the Antarctic. Each year, the association accepts applications for small grants to support activities that fit the aims of the TAA. Grants are only available for fieldwork in Antarctica and to nationals of UK, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Grants range from £650 to £1,500. Deadline: 31 January each year.

**Transglobe Expedition Trust**  

Transglobe Trust offers a grants ranging from £1,000- £2,000 to support people and projects which follow in Transglobe’s tradition of adventure and perseverance while undertaking a uniquely ambitious and worthwhile challenge in humanitarian, scientific or educational work. Applications welcomed throughout the year.

**Tropical Agricultural Association Award Fund**  
[http://www.taa.org.uk/sub-content.asp?subId=36&sub=yes](http://www.taa.org.uk/sub-content.asp?subId=36&sub=yes)

The TAA Standard Award Fund makes grants of up to £2,000 to UK citizens and long-term residents under the age of 30, qualified in agriculture, forestry, agroforestry, environmental science, social sciences and related disciplines. The grants are designed to enable awardees to gain their first
experience of international development work. Applications invited throughout the year. The Masters’ Award application is now inviting applications from MSc students in natural resource subjects in selected universities, for awards of up to £1,000 to enable them to undertake overseas studies and assignments (minimum duration 8 weeks) relevant to their on-going studies. Deadline: 31st of March each year.

**UNESCO Man & Biosphere Program**  
http://www.unesco.org/mab/  
The UNESCO Man & Biosphere Program Offer several awards and grants on different topics addressed to young scientists: MAB Young Scientists Awards (10 awards of up to $5,000, deadline 15th December). Awards also exist for Biosphere Reserve Management (1 award of $6,000, deadline 30th September) and Environmental Preservation (bi-annual award of $70,000).

**United Nations Development Programme**  
https://www.sgp.undp.org/  
The GEF-UNDP Small Grants Programme provides grants of up to $50,000 (averages $25,000) directly to community-based organizations and other non-governmental groups for projects in Biodiversity, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Land Degradation and Sustainable Forest Management, International Waters and Chemicals. Applications welcomed throughout the year.

**The Walters Kundert Fellowship**  
The Walters Kundert Fellowship offers awards of £10,000 annually to support field research in physical geography within Arctic and/or high mountain environments, with preference for field studies that advance the understanding of environmental change past or present. Applications to the Walters Kundert Fellowship are open to post-PhD researchers based in the UK, or Fellows and members of the Society who are employed outside the UK. Deadline: 23 November (each year).

**Whitley Fund for Nature**  
http://www.whitleyaward.org  
The Whitley Award is a nature conservation prize. Projects must be pragmatic, sustainable, long lasting and emphasise the benefits of wildlife and habitat conservation to the local communities in which applicants are working. WFN does not fund undergraduate projects, expeditions, MScs, or PhD work. Whitley Awards are worth £35,000 to be spent on projects (around 7) over a period of one year. Deadline: 31 October each year.

**Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize**  
http://www.wilbur-niso-smithfoundation.org/awards/adventure-writing-prize  
The Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize is an annual award for adventure writing. The 2018 Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize is open for submission 20th November 2017 - 12th March 2018. This award is split into two separate categories – a prize for the best published adventure novel, a prize for the best unpublished manuscript by a debut author submitted for consideration, and a prize for The Author of Tomorrow – Short Stories. The Best Published Novel category will accept entries published between 1st January 2017 and 30th April 2018. The winner of the prize will receive £15,000. The winner of the prize for Best Unpublished Manuscript will receive the Writer’s Adventure Research Award. This award is an exceptional opportunity in the form of a £7,500 grant allocated for the winner to travel to
undertake research for their next story. They will also be offered a mentoring relationship with Wilbur Smith’s agents at Tibor Jones & Associates.

**Wilderness Award**  
http://www.wildernesslectures.com

The Wilderness Award is a cash award made to a UK resident over the age of 18 who intends to travel overseas, returning before 31st January of the following year, to undertake an unusual and adventurous objective in a geographically remote wilderness area. The Award is unable to accept applications from individuals who are taking part in organised trips. The Award is set at £650. Deadline: 31 January each year.

**Wildlife Conservation Society**  
http://www.wcs.org/  
http://www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org/grants/grant-overview/

The Wildlife Conservation Society’s Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) aims to advance biodiversity conservation globally by building the leadership capabilities of early-career conservation professionals working in places with limited capacity to address high-priority conservation issues. The Future Conservationist Awards (approximately 20) are worth up to US $15,000 each and have follow-up awards totalling a $75,000. Deadline: 11 November each year. The WCS also offers a graduate scholarship programme and climate adaptation fund for organizations.

**Wingate Scholarships**  
http://www.wingatefoundation.org.uk/

Wingate Scholarships are awarded to individuals, not organisations, of great potential to undertake pioneering or original work of intellectual, scientific, artistic, social or environmental value, and to outstandingly talented musicians for advanced training. They may last up to 3 years. The average total award is about £6,500 and the maximum in any one year is £10,000. There is no upper age limit and the Scholarship Committee welcomes applications from mature candidates. Wingate Scholarships provides funding for cross-disciplinary projects. The Trustees meet four times a year in January, April, July and October to discuss applications.

**Winston Churchill Memorial Trust**  
http://www.wcmt.org.uk

Each year the trust awards fellowships to 100 British citizens to carry out travelling fellowships overseas to the benefit of the country, community and international goodwill. Applicants should demonstrate that their project is feasible and worthwhile, and of benefit to their community and to the UK on return. Past award winners have included scientists, engineers and conservationists. Application cycles open in May - September each year.

**Wyndham Deedes Travel Scholarship to Israel**  
http://angloisraelassociation.com/scholarships/wyndham-deedes-memorial-travel-scholarship

The Anglo-Israel Association offer Travel Scholarships to Israel each year, for a minimum visit of six weeks, to enable graduates of British universities to study and report on some aspect of life in Israel (sociological, economic, scientific, etc.) which would be of interest to those working in that field in the UK. Applicants must be of British nationality, intend to normally be resident in the UK and be under 35yrs. Grants can be up the value of up to £2,000. Deadline: 30 April each year.
Young Explorers' Trust  http://www.theyet.org/what-we-do/grant-awards/

Each year the YET awards grants to a number of expeditions who have successfully achieved YET Approval status. Expeditions that apply for YET Approval are automatically considered for one of the annual grants. Awards are open to young people aged 19 or under. In recent years Awards have been given to enable participation in expeditions abroad, or at sea, for physical adventure, community projects, conservation work and fieldwork in developing countries and to an autistic youngster attending an adventure course in Wales. Deadline: 31 March the year before the expedition.

Young Scientists for Rain Forests Award  https://www.conservationfoundation.co.uk/ysfr

The award enables ethno-medical and ethno-botanical studies and research to be carried out in rain forests throughout the world. It has also funded the publication of three bulletins for the Botanical Gardens Conservation Secretariat and enabled films to be made in India and Vanuatu. Grants of about £1,000 are available. Applications are welcomed throughout the year.

Zayed International Prize for the Environment  http://www.zayedprize.com

The Prize, awarded every 2 years, promotes pioneering contributions in the field of environment and sustainable development. Classified into three award categories: global leadership in environment and sustainable development (US$ 500,000), scientific / technological achievements in environment (US$ 300,000) and environmental action leading to positive change in society (US$ 200,000).

Other Grant Giving Organisations Listings

Terra Viva Grants Directory  http://www.terravivagrants.org/
For a comprehensive and well maintained resource, the Terra Viva Grants Directory develops and manages information about grants for agriculture, energy, environment, and natural resources in the world’s developing countries. Find out more about other grants for environmental projects in developing countries through this very informative website.

Funds for NGOS  https://www2.fundsforngos.org/
FundsforNGOs is an online initiative with the goal of increasing the sustainability of NGOs across the world. We accomplish this by providing online resources for NGOs to increase their awareness and access to grants, donors, resources, and skills. We use technology to spread knowledge from our experienced fundraising experts to NGOs around the world and increase their capacity.

Conservation Leadership Programme
http://www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org/grants/other-funding-sources/
CLP has put together a short list of the most popular conservation grants. Please visit the link to find out more information.
The Turn2us Grants Search is a form-based online tool that allows you add and remove criteria quickly to build up a picture of your situation and background. This will then give you details of charitable funds on the Grants Search that may be able to help you.

Grants include:

- **Go make it happen** – Financial grants for people aged 18-30 who wish to train in travel and tourism.

- **Hazel’s footprints** – Grants for people from the UK and Europe who want to take part in voluntary projects abroad. Proposed projects must be of an educational nature, i.e teaching, community development work, and should last no less than 6 months.

- **Adventure Trust for Girls** - The fund assists applicants in their quest for adventure. Applicants must be female, aged 11-18, and must live or attend school within eight miles of Exmouth Town Hall, excluding the areas west of the Exe estuary and north of the M5 motorway.

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