

# 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](http://www.rgs.org/grants)*

### **African Bird Club**

<http://www.africanbirdclub.org>

The ABC's Conservation Programme supports small to medium sized conservation projects in Africa. Since 1996, it has supported a wide variety of projects including training courses, research into threatened species and promotion and awareness of conservation issues in Africa. The current budget stands at over £10,000 per annum and the Club welcomes applications for Conservation Awards from individuals or institutions and for the annual Expedition Award.

### **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 to participate in a fieldwork project.. The Field Apprenticeships aim to give students the opportunity to go overseas for a number of weeks during the summer to work as a Field Apprentice on a research project led by an academic member of staff at their university... Deadline 1 April each year.

### **Alpine Garden Society**

[https://www.alpinegardensociety.net/plant\\_knowledge/grants-and-funding/](https://www.alpinegardensociety.net/plant_knowledge/grants-and-funding/)

As part of the Alpine Garden Society's commitment to the conservation and cultivation of alpine plants, the Society offers a number of grants and funding opportunities. Grants are available to support research on any aspect of alpine plants. AGS also administer travel awards to aid the study of alpine plants in their native habitats.

### **Alpine Ski Club Awards**

<https://www.alpineskiclub.org.uk/grant-for-ski-mountaineering/>

Two grants are available for ski mountaineering – the Kenneth Smith Scholarship aimed at providing help with training and improving mountain safety and the Memorial Adventure Fund to support more adventurous explorations on skis. These grant schemes can provide help for: taking 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.



**Andrew Croft Memorial Fund**

<http://www.acmf.org.uk>

The Andrew Croft Memorial Fund provides grants each year for young people between the ages of 16 and thirty to participate in scientific expeditions and fieldwork to the Arctic. ACMF does not normally provide grants to students undertaking university-directed fieldwork when it forms part of their degree course.

**Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust**

<http://www.andyfanshawe.org>

The AFMT awards grants to disadvantaged young people to develop an existing interest and experience in adventurous outdoor activities. This includes walking, climbing, cycling, kayaking, sailing, horse riding - either self-planned or for residential courses at an outdoor centre. The AFMT does not have an application form but please answer all of the questions and apply by email in no more than 1000 words.

**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>

Since its founding in 1982, BCI has supported hundreds of university students and aspiring conservationists in dozens of countries through its Grant Programs. Annually BCI offer Student Research Scholarships that open in October and seek proposals related to three priority categories.

**BCRA - British Cave Research Association Research Fund**

<http://www.bcra.org.uk>

BCRA has managed a research fund for many years and their Cave Science and Technology Research Science and Technology Research Fund (CSTRF) allocates £5,000 per year to further our understanding of caves and the technologies employed to enter and explore them. The BCRA Cave Science policy focuses on four major themes: speleogenesis (including hydrogeology), archaeology/palaeontology, biology and technology. However worthwhile projects in other areas of research will also be considered.

**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/>

CLP provides Conservation Awards on an annual basis to support the work of early career conservationists. There are three grant levels to allow teams to scale up their initial projects. Starting with a Future Conservationist Award, teams are supported to undertake small-scale research and awareness-raising projects. Through Follow-up and Leadership awards teams can implement larger projects over a longer period of time and deliver practical solutions to conservation issues whilst learning to command more complex decision-making, communication and leadership skills. The Kate Stokes Memorial Award is an additional grant which is awarded annually to an exceptional team of CLP alumni. Application deadline is in November.

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**British Society for Geomorphology**

<http://www.geomorphology.org.uk/>

Research grant applications may be made by both postgraduate and non-postgraduate BSG members. There are two rounds of grant applications each year - the deadlines for applying for each round are 1 February and 30 September, but please consult the individual grant pages as certain grants may be awarded outside the usual timeframe.

**British Ecological Society**

<http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants-awards/>

The Society provides grants to promote ecological research, help fund training and travel and to communicate the science of ecology. In recent years, over £350,000 per annum has been awarded. Grants available include £1,000 for students, £2,000 for postgraduates and £8,000 for ecologists. Small projects can be awarded up to £5,000 and early career ecologists can apply for funding up to £20,000. Applicants must be a member of the British Ecological Society for a minimum of 1 year.

**British Ornithologists Union**

<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)**

<https://www.bsac.com/advice-and-support/funding-for-projects/>

The British Sub-Aqua Jubilee Trust is the official charity of BSAC. The BSAC Jubilee Trust provides financial support to divers for a wide variety of scuba projects. BSAC clubs and members can apply for funding through the [Jubilee Trust grant scheme](#). The aim of Jubilee Trust grants are to raise the standard of projects undertaken by diving clubs, individuals or expeditions by providing financial assistance. Applications should be received by the Secretary at least two months before the project is to take place.

**Captain Scott Society**

<http://www.captainscottsociety.com>

The Awards are granted to assist individuals or groups to undertake adventurous expeditions and endeavours. 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>

The Carnegie grants and scholarships seek to improve access to university, encourage the development of research skills in undergraduates and postgraduates and enable academics to establish new lines of enquiry. 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**

<http://coppdashinspireaward.com/>

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: 1 September 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 £100- £200. 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**

<https://developmentgeographiesrg.org/funding/postgraduate-travel-award>

DevGRG 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 must be spent on travel costs, and preference may be given to students in the early stages of their research. The award is £800, although smaller awards are sometimes made. The annual deadline is 1 July.

**Darwin Initiative**

<http://www.darwin.gov.uk>

The Darwin Initiative is a UK government grants scheme that helps to protect biodiversity and the natural environment through locally based projects worldwide. 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.

**Earth and Space Foundation**

<https://www.earthandspace.org/blog/earth-and-space-exploration-awards/>

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. Requests for proposals are distributed annually and evaluated on scientific merit, appropriateness of citizen-scientist activities, expected project outcomes and impacts, safety, and logistics. Earthwatch funding is intended to be supplemental to other sources of funding. Annual budgets for projects with long-duration teams range between US \$20,000–\$80,000, with most of that covering volunteer and staff expenses while in the field. Final grants are provided on a per-capita basis based on the number of participants.

## **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 up to £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. Applicants must have completed their PhD within the past 10 years, and preference is given to projects which have a strong fieldwork component, although lab, desk or archive-based projects may also be considered. The application deadline is 22<sup>nd</sup> of February each year.

## **Eric Hosking Charitable Trust**

<http://www.ericoskingtrust.com/>

The Eric Hosking Trust sponsor natural history and ornithological research through the media of writing, photography, painting or illustration. Bursaries of up to £750 may be awarded to suitable candidates from any country once a year. Deadline: 30 September each year.

## **Explorers Club Exploration Fund**

<http://www.explorers.org>

The Explorers Club supports scientific fieldwork by ground breaking explorers around the globe — last year grantees came from 6 continents and 24 countries. The Exploration Fund provides grants in support of exploration and field research. Awards range from US \$1,500 to \$10,000. There are 7 grant programmes with deadlines throughout the year.

  
**Falkland Islands Foundation**

<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**

<http://www.fauna-flora.org>

Fauna & Flora International (FFI) is the world's longest established international conservation body. FFI provides 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>

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. Applications for funding needs to be requested two years in advance.

**Fred Harper Memorial Trust**

<http://www.bmg.org.uk/become-a-guide/memorial-trusts/>

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>

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. Applicants must be UK/EU nationals and be currently registered on a PhD programme at a UK Higher Education Institution. Application deadline: 18 January each year.

**Frederick Soddy Schools Award**

<https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/teacher-grants/frederick-soddy-schools-award/>

The aim of the Frederick Soddy Schools Awards is to encourage field studies by providing financial support specifically for this work. These awards are given to teachers leading groups of school pupils. Applications are welcomed from UK and Ireland schools planning fieldwork involving a strong element of human geography. Awards are made of £200 to £600, and cannot support the costs of physical resources. Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> February each year.

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### **G.A Wainwright Fund for Near Eastern Archaeology**

<http://www.gawainwright.co.uk>

The fund encourages 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. The fund is for geography teachers and educators which aims to provide them with opportunities they would not otherwise have to further their geographical knowledge and understanding through education. Three awards of up to £1500 are made each year.

### **RGS-IBG Geographical Fieldwork Grants**

<https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/in-the-field-grants/expedition-grants/geographical-fieldwork-grants/>

The Geographical Fieldwork Grants offer up to £3,000 to UK student-led and independent research teams (3 or more people) carrying out geographical field research overseas. The research should involve fieldwork that aims to make a significant contribution to existing geographical knowledge. Multi-disciplinary, interdisciplinary and collaborative projects are encouraged. These grants are primarily intended for undergraduate and Masters students. PhD students may also apply, but the proposed research must be unrelated to their PhD thesis. Application deadline is 15 February each year.

### **Geological Society.....**

<https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Education-and-Careers/Grants#Society>

Approximately 12 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 Ghar Parau Foundation (GPF) provides grants to assist British caving expeditions to all parts of the world. The fund focuses on those expeditions which include an element of innovative exploration or scientific study and has a close relationship with the British Cave Research Association (BCRA). GPF are particularly keen to encourage young cavers into expedition caving to maintain an active caving community in years to come. Application deadlines are 28 February and 31 August every year.

### **Gilchrist Educational Trust**

<http://www.gilchristgrants.org.uk>

The Gilchrist Educational Trust offers 3 types of grants. 1) For individuals full-time students at a British university who face unexpected financial difficulties or are required, as part of their course, to spend a short period studying abroad. 2) For British organisations that have a project that fills an educational gap, or makes more widely available a particular aspect of education or learning. The project may be in the U.K. or overseas. 3) Expeditions - modest-sized British expeditions for scientific research abroad. Grants range from £500 - £4000. Applications must be submitted by the end of February.

  
**Gilchrist Fieldwork Award**

[www.rgs.org/grants](http://www.rgs.org/grants)

This annual award offers £15,000 to support a challenging overseas fieldwork project carried out by a team of researchers based in UK Higher Education Institutions or equivalent research establishments. The research should include a single field session of at least six weeks. There should be strong links and collaborations with local agencies and communities. Local benefits should be demonstrated in applications. Deadline: 22 February

**Gino Watkins Memorial Fund**

<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**

<http://www.thegef.org/>

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Trust Fund was established on the eve of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, to help tackle our planet's most pressing environmental problems. GEF funding to support the projects is contributed by donor countries. GEF funds are available to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to meet the objectives of the international environmental conventions and agreements.

**Global Heritage Fund**

<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**

<http://www.maphistory.info/harley.html>

These Research Fellowships, established in memory of Brian Harley, are primarily intended to promote the use of the great wealth of cartographic material available in London and other parts of the United Kingdom. Fellowship awards normally range up to £2,000. Eligibility for these awards funded by HGRG is limited to postgraduates and early career researchers working in the history of cartography, and applicants are encouraged to become members of the HGRG; otherwise the normal Harley Fellowship criteria apply. Preference will be given to interpretative studies in map history, irrespective of area, theme or period. Deadline: 1 November each year.

**Henrietta Hutton Research Grants**

<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Postgraduate+grants/Henrietta+Hutton+Research+Grants.htm>

The Henrietta Hutton Research Grant offers up to three grants of £500 annually to undergraduate or postgraduate students undertaking overseas field research as an individual or part of a team. The field research must last longer than four weeks, but does not have to be related to the student's academic studies. Preference will be given to support field research with a significant geographical, social and/or environmental science or natural history element. Applicants should show strong evidence of host country participation. Deadline: 18 January each year.





## **Innovative Geography Teaching Grants**

<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Teaching/Innovative+Geography+Teaching+Grants.htm>

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. Deadline: 15 February each year.

### **Jasmin Leila Award**

<http://www.rgs.org/Grants>

The Award is given as a £250 supplement to one of the projects supported under the RGS-IBGS's Small Research Grant scheme or as an independent award. In tribute to the late Jasmin Leila Sidaway, 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. Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> January every year.

### **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 grants for 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 sports people and equipment for sports organisations are open throughout the year.

### **Jim Bishop Memorial Fund**

<http://www.theyet.org/what-we-do/grant-awards/>

The Young Explorers' Trust offers grant aid to individuals aged nineteen and under who are taking part in expeditions or other adventurous activities. The definition of adventure should relate to the background and experience of the applicant. 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. Grants are made to individuals only, not to groups.

### **John Jarrold Trust**

<http://www.jarrold.com/what-we-do/john-jarrold-trust.aspx>

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. Deadlines for consideration are the end of November and end of April respectively.

### **Journey of a Lifetime Award**

<http://www.rgs.org/journeyofalifetime>

For those with a passion for radio and storytelling, and a genuine curiosity about the world around them, the Journey of a Lifetime Award offers £5,000 to make an original and inspiring journey anywhere in the world. The recipient of the award will receive training in radio broadcasting from the BBC, support from a BBC documentary producer, and will record their journey for a BBC Radio 4 programme. .  
Deadline: November each year.

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**John Muir Trust**

<http://www.jmt.org/bill-wallace-grant.asp>

The John Muir Trust offers this Grant to give people the opportunity to seek out life-changing experiences in wild places of the world in ways which will benefit both the person, and the wild places themselves. A grant of £200 - £2,000 will be made on merit to a person who wishes to experience wild places in the spirit of Des Rubens and Bill Wallace. The project should involve travel to wild places, must be adventurous, have an educational or scientific component – 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.

**Julie Tullis Memorial Award**

<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/the-julie-tullis-memorial-award>

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).

**L.S.B. Leakey Trust**

<https://leakeyfoundation.org/grants/>

The Leakey Foundation awards over US\$ 800,000 in grants annually through two grants programs.. Current funding priorities include: Paleoanthropology of the Miocene, Pliocene, and Pleistocene, Primates (Old and New World): Evolution, behaviour, morphology, ecology, endocrinology, genetics, isotope studies, and modern hunter-gatherer groups. Research Grants are awarded twice annually (in May and December) and constitute the majority of the Foundation's granting program.

**Land Rover Bursary**

<http://www.rgs.org/landroverbursary>

The The Land Rover Bursary supports a challenging journey that takes a team beyond their limits and boundaries and makes full use of the capabilities of a Land Rover. The recipient of the bursary will receive up to £30,000 and the loan of a vehicle. The journey may connect with schools, local communities or research projects, but, whatever its aim, the team are expected to inspire and engage others, both from the field and on return. .Refer to the RGS-IBG website for details of future Awards.

**Leverhulme Trust**

<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. There are 14 schemes in total. The maximum grant value is £500,000.

**Manchester Geographical Society**

<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://merlin-trust.org.uk/available-grants/>

The Merlin Trust offers grants for young horticulturists (preferably between the ages of 20 and 35) of up to £1500 to individual applicants to assist with foreign or domestic travel projects. Submissions may be made at any time but please allow a minimum of three months from application submission to your intended date of departure. Grants are not normally given to aid postgraduate study or to fund highly technical, laboratory-based research.

**Monica Cole Research Grant**

<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>

The MEF support exploratory expeditions to mountain regions. Support is given research across a wide range of subjects including geography, glaciology, and the effects of altitude. Expeditions planning geographical exploration, first ascents, or major new routes on high and remote mountains are likely to qualify. MEF grants are currently between £600 and £4,000. However, the MEF recognises that highly ambitious scientific and exploratory expeditions may require a higher level of funding. Completed application forms must be submitted to the Hon Secretary by 30th September and 31st January respectively.

**National Geographic Society Expeditions Council**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/funding-opportunities/grants/what-we-fund/>

National Geographic offers Exploration grants that concentrate on certain key issues. Requests for funding must be from by an experienced project leader in the areas of conservation, education, research, storytelling, and technology. The applicant and their team members are expected to demonstrate successful completion of similar projects with measurable and/or tangible results. Grant projects last one calendar year or less. Grants generally range from U.S. \$10,000 to \$30,000. Deadlines occur on a quarterly basis.

**Nato Scientific Affairs Division**

<http://www.nato.int/science>

The NATO SPS Programme supports collaboration through three established grant mechanisms. Interested applicants must jointly develop a collaborative activity within one of these mechanisms led by project directors from at least one NATO country (NPD) and one Partner country (PPD). 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 was established in 2001 for the Society by Neville Shulman CBE. Each year an award of £5,000 is given to a challenging research project or expedition. Projects should have elements of both local and global interest, a clear purpose to advance geographical knowledge through a well outlined method of data collection, balanced with logistical practicality, and with opportunities to share findings widely. Applicants must also demonstrate how the project is challenging; intellectually, physically or in terms of the issue being studied. Applications are invited from both individuals and groups and must be able to attend interviews at the RGS-IBG in London.

Deadline: 30 November

**Nick Estcourt Award**

<http://www.nickestcourtaward.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/>

One World Media Fellowships are aimed at aspiring journalists and filmmakers, who seek to make a career out of reporting the global south, raising awareness about the developing world and breaking down prejudices. Ten Fellowships are for applicants based anywhere in the world, and 10 reserved for applicants from across Africa. The fund provides each recipient with a £1,000 grant, one-to-one mentoring, invaluable workshops on sound, editing and post production.

**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 ongoing.

**Palestine Exploration Fund**

<http://www.pef.org.uk>

Each year the Palestine Exploration Fund offers grants for travel and research related to topics connected with its founding aims: to promote research into the archaeology and history, manners and customs and culture, topography, geology and natural sciences of biblical Palestine and the Levant. The Committee welcomes interdisciplinary applications relating to the Fund's aims, as well as those relating to the PEF's archival collections. Research projects must avoid political, religious, or ideological bias, and must respect International laws relating to antiquities and archaeological activity in the Occupied Territories. Grant awards range from about £450 to £2,000. Applicants for Fund grants should be or become subscribers to the Palestine Exploration Fund. Deadline: February each year.

  
**Patagonia**

<http://www.patagonia.com>

Through their international grants programs, Patagonia fund environmental work that takes place within the following countries: Canada, Chile, Argentina, Japan, Korea, Australia, United Kingdom, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and the Czech Republic . They support innovative work that addresses the root causes of the environmental crisis and seeks to protect both the environment and affected communities. Grants up to \$12,000 may be requested. The Europe Grants Program has two deadlines each year: January 31st and June 30th.

**People's Trust for Endangered Species**

<http://www.ptes.org>

Worldwide grant applications are welcomed from scientific researchers and conservationists 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, and on species classified as endangered, critically endangered and extinct in the wild by the IUCN. The Conservation Insight Grants are for projects focusing on endangered species for up to two years. Grants are between £3,000 and £10,000 per annum up to a maximum total of £20,000.

**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 (usually less than £1000). 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 awards of up to £2,000 for PhD students undertaking fieldwork/data collection to advance geographical knowledge. These awards, offered to individuals, aim to help students establish themselves in their particular field. Applicants must be registered at a UK Higher Education Institution. Preference is given to students who do not receive full funding from a research council, university or comparable levels of support from other sources for fieldwork and data collection. 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. There are separate funding routes for postgraduates (New Research Workers Award, Postgraduate Quaternary Conference Fund) and all other QRA members (Quaternary Research Fund, Quaternary Conference Fund). Grants on offer range from £500-£1500. 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. The fellowship provides funds for research that is oriented toward solving real-world problems as defined by CFEs. Applications should 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: 31 August 2020.

**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 an aquatic 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. Deadline: 30 November each year.

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

GIFT supports outgoing young UK citizens to establish friendships and direct cultural contacts through 'homestay' visits with indigenous communities in developing countries. GIFT is able to offer a limited number of bursaries each year, up to £500, to young adventurers who have made their arrangements through bona-fide organisations who arrange homestay projects in developing countries. The Trustees actively encourage the participation of young people not pursuing an academic route to their future.

**Reserve Forces Ulysses Trust**

<http://www.ulyssesrust.co.uk>

The Ulysses Trust is a registered Charity that encourages and provides financial assistance for challenging expeditions and adventurous activities undertaken by the Volunteer Reserve (VR) and Cadet Forces of the UK. The Ulysses Trust is also keen to encourage expeditions or projects that add to social cohesion, embrace social action and/or community service at home or abroad. Grants made range from a few hundred pounds for small or less ambitious expeditions to £5,000 or more for major expeditions or those involving larger numbers.

  
**RICS Education Trust**

<http://www.rics.org/uk/knowledge/research/education-trust-shortcut/>

The RICS Research Trust supports research in the disciplines of land, real estate and construction right across the world. Projects may be undertaken by chartered surveyors or others who are, in the opinion of trustees, adequately qualified to undertake the research. Both major research projects from established researchers and smaller scale proposals from younger researchers will be considered. Grants are normally in the range of £5,000 - £10,000. However, larger grants may be considered for research work thought to be of exceptional merit.. Closing dates are the first weeks of March and October.

**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.

**Rolex Awards For Enterprise**

<http://www.rolexawards.com>

In 2021, Rolex will offer five Rolex Awards for Enterprise. Part of Rolex's Perpetual Planet initiative, the Awards support individuals seeking solutions to humankind's most pressing challenges. The Awards are open to anyone 18 and over, whose pioneering project expands knowledge of our world and improves the quality of life on the planet. Candidates can apply in five areas: science and health, applied technology, exploration, cultural heritage and the environment. Laureates receive a cash grant of 200,000 Swiss francs to advance their projects. In addition, Rolex ensures winners receive access to its network of 150 Laureates, international publicity through media coverage and a Rolex chronometer. Deadline 31 May 2020.

**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.royalarchinst.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 RSGS Knowledge Exchange Grants aim to promote geography through disseminating the results of geographical enquiry and research for the benefit of the wider public. Aimed at early career researchers, the grants are in the range of £200 to £1,000.

**Royal Society Research grants**

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/research-grants/>

The scheme provides 'seed corn' funding for new projects of timeliness and promise. The objective of the scheme is to increase the availability of specialised equipment and essential consumable materials, and to support essential field research. Your research must be within the Royal Society's remit of natural sciences, which includes but is not limited to biological research, chemistry, engineering, mathematics and physics. You can apply for this scheme if you: hold a PhD; are based at an eligible UK organisation; are within the first five consecutive years of an independent research post; are a fully independent researcher. The scheme provides up to £20,000 of funding for 12 months.

**Royal Society for Asian Affairs**

<http://www.rsaa.org.uk>

The Royal Society for Asian Affairs invites applications for Travel Awards to support practical projects and research that have the potential to contribute to advances in scholarly or other public knowledge including, but not limited to, post-graduate degrees, journalism and travel writing. Applicants must be aged 21-28 at the time of application. Applicants may be of any nationality but should be normally resident in the UK. The awards are intended to support individual travel and may not be used for commercial purposes or to fund participation in activities arranged by another organisation. Awards may be of any amount up to £1,000 at the discretion of the awards panel. .

**Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation**

<http://www.rufford.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 over different phases. We generally look for projects of a minimum of 12 months duration although each application is assessed on its own merit and the project length can be flexible. 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 £1,500 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/](http://sospecies.org/sos_projects/)

Rapid Action Grants (up to 25,000EUR) are available on an ongoing basis and support conservation actions in emergency situations. As a part of our SOS African Wildlife initiative, Rapid Action Grants are available to enable and support Civil Society Organisations engaged in the conservation of threatened species to carry out urgent conservation measures at local level to protect the species and their habitat. Eligible projects should respond to emergency situations requiring rapid action, rather than proposing programmatic action on long-standing issues. Applications ongoing.

**Scientific Exploration Society**

<http://www.ses-explore.org>

The SES Explorer Awards support inspirational leaders through scientific exploration. 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 involve scientific fieldwork. SES offer £30,000 spread over 6 awards. All awards have a deadline of 12 January.

**Slawson Awards**

<http://www.rgs.org/grants>

The Slawson Awards support geographical field research involving development issues with high social and economic importance. This must be clearly evident in the application. Applicants must be current members of the Society and should indicate this status in their application. Projects which involve recipients returning to their home country for fieldwork will generally not be considered. The intent is not to fund preliminary or reconnaissance fieldwork; applications should be to support the main body of field research. Deadline: 22 February each year.

**RGS-IBG Small Research Grants**

<http://www.rgs.org/grants>

Each year several grants of up to £3,000 are given to early career researchers (up to 10 years post PhD). One grant of up to £3,000 will be awarded from the 20th International Geographical Congress Fund. Applicants are expected to hold a PhD at the time of applying, must be affiliated with a UK Higher Education Institution and must be Fellows or members of the Society. These awards are only available to individuals. Deadline: 18 January each year.

**Society For Underwater Technology**

<http://www.sut.org.uk>

The Society for Underwater Technology's Educational Support Fund offers sponsorship awards to high calibre undergraduate and postgraduate students, 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. The grants are open to any student, irrespective of age or nationality – for study at any course in the world that is approved by the Society. This grant is not open for PhD studies. Annual awards range from £2,000 for undergraduates to £4,000 for taught MSc students. Deadline: 30 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.

**Stein-Arnold Exploration Fund**

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/stein-arnold-exploration-fund>

Research should be 'so far as possible by means of exploratory work'. All applications should demonstrate that Academy funds are sought for a clearly defined, discrete piece of research, which will have an identifiable outcome on completion of the Academy-funded component of the project. Applicants must be British or Hungarian subjects. Applicants should be of postdoctoral status or have comparable experience. Applications are not accepted from postgraduate students. Funds are limited and normally grants will not exceed around £2,500, but in exceptional circumstances grants may be considered up to £5,000.

**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**

<https://www.thecrosstrust.org.uk/Pages/Category/types-of-grants>

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: The Systematics Research Fund supports research in the field of systematics and taxonomy with up to £1500 (February) ; The Appleyard Fund of up to £2,000 supporting research projects in botany or zoology, by Fellows or Associates of the Society (September); The Dennis Stanfield Memorial Fund Funding up to £2,000 supporting botanical research on tropical African plants (September); The Anne Sleep Awards of up to £3,000 to assist with biological research in the Middle and Far East ( 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 January each year.

  
**The Rob Potter Award**

<http://www.rgs.org/grants>

The Rob Potter Award offers £1,500 to a post-PhD early-career researcher studying the geographies of development. The award is given through the RGS-IBGS's Small Research Grants scheme, either as a supplement or as an independent award. In tribute to the late Rob Potter, 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. Preference will be given to research on the contemporary Caribbean, with studies of Mexico, Latin America and small island nations also welcomed. Deadline: 18 January every year.

**Thesiger-Oman International Fellowships**

[www.rgs.org/grants](http://www.rgs.org/grants)

The Thesiger-Oman International Fellowships offer awards of £8,000 to post-doctoral researchers with an outstanding research proposal to advance geographical knowledge, involving fieldwork in an arid or semi-arid environment. Preference will be given to research in the Middle East and other areas visited by Sir Wilfred Thesiger. Two awards are available each year; for projects with a focus on human and physical geography respectively. Applicants must be Fellows or members of the Society with at least three years' post-doctoral experience. The Fellowships are open to applicants of any nation. Individuals or groups may apply for this award. Deadline: 23 November

**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 a conference organised by a geographical scientific Union or Association formally affiliated with the international International Science Council (ISC). The awards are for early career researchers (post-PhD) currently affiliated with a UK Higher Education Institution. Priority will be given to those presenting papers and seeking to cover travel expenses, although help with conference fees, accommodation, and maintenance costs will also be considered. Deadline for applications is 31 October each year.

**Timmissartok Foundation**

<http://www.timmissartok.com/>

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. The Timmissartok Foundation will partially support projects that involve "travel with a purpose" in which a particular passion is to be explored. 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>

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. The Trans-Antarctic Association provides financial grants up to a normal maximum of £1,500 in support of field work or travel to Antarctica, as well as equipment and other research activities directly related to Antarctica. The total funds available for distribution in any one year typically ranges between £10-15K.. Applications must be received before the annual closing date of 31 January in the UK, and 12 March in NZ.



**Transglobe Expedition Trust**

<http://www.transglobe-expedition.org/>

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**

<https://taa.org.uk/taaf/>

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. It helps them to pay airfares, living allowances and other necessary expenses thus enabling them to take on unpaid assignments and obtain overseas work experience with agencies engaged in rural development. Applications invited throughout the year. 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 for young scientists: MAB Young Scientists Awards (awards of up to \$5,000, deadline December). Awards also exist for Biosphere Reserve Management (1 award of \$12,000, deadline January) and Environmental Preservation.

**United Nations Development Programme**

<https://sgp.undp.org/about-us-157.html>

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**

<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Research/Walters+Kundert+Fellowship.htm>

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 affiliated with a UK University or research institute, 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 Fund for Nature offers funding for conservation projects through the Whitley Awards and Continuation Funding. 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 £40,000 GBP in funding to be spent on projects over 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. This award is split into 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 winner of the Best Unpublished Manuscript will receive £15,000 and a Bonnier Books UK publishing deal.

### **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 31 January of the following year, to undertake an unusual and adventurous objective in a geographically remote wilderness area. The successful applicant will be expected to deliver a lecture in the Wilderness Lectures series in Bristol in the spring following their expedition. The Award does not accept applications from individuals who are taking part in organised trips. The Award is set at £650. The closing date for the Award will be 30 November each year, for expeditions taking place the following calendar year.

### **Wildlife Conservation Society**

<http://www.wcs.org/>      <http://www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org/grants/grant-overview/>

The **WCS Research Fellowship Program** (RFP) is one of the oldest and most prestigious small grants programs in the field of wildlife conservation. Grants are designed to build capacity for the next generation of global conservation leaders from Asia/Pacific, Africa, Latin America, and North American indigenous groups by supporting individual field research projects that have a clear application to the conservation of threatened wildlife and wild places. The grants awarded under the RFP result in young conservationists building their own individual capacity to become leading conservationists in their home countries. The **Conservation Leadership Programme** (CLP) is a globally renowned capacity building partnership that is building the next generation of conservation leaders in developing countries. The **Future Conservationist Awards** (approximately 20) are worth up to US \$50,000. Deadline: 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 £5000 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 for purposeful travel overseas for the benefit of the country, community and international goodwill. WCMT funds enable you to spend up to two months overseas, meeting experts, visiting projects and learning new ideas. Applicants should demonstrate that their project is feasible and worthwhile, and of benefit to their community and to the UK on return. Anyone can apply, regardless of age, qualifications or background. Fellows come from all parts of UK society and all walks of life. 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. Applicants must undertake to spend at least six weeks in Israel within twelve months of the date of the award and to submit a report on their project of not less than 5,000 words within twelve months of the date of their return. Applicants must be of British nationality, intend to normally be resident in the UK and be under 35yrs. Grants can be up to 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 expedition grants. YET also offers grant aid to individuals aged nineteen and under who are taking part in expeditions or other adventurous activities.

Deadline: 31 March the year before the expedition.

**Zayed International Prize for the Environment**

<http://www.zayedprize.com>

This prestigious award is worth US\$ 1 million, and is awarded every 2 years to promote pioneering contributions in the field of environment and sustainable development. Classified into four award categories: global leadership in environment and sustainable development (US\$ 500,000), scientific / technological achievements in environment (US\$ 300,000); environmental action leading to positive change in society (US\$ 200,000) and Young Scientists for Environmental Sustainability (US\$ 50,000).

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## Listings of Other Grant Giving Organisations

### 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/>

Funds for NGOs 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.

### Turn2us

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk>

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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