Other Funding Sources

● Grant giving organisations for Expeditions & Fieldwork

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

This should be used in association with the web resources that can be found on the RGS-IBG website www.rgs.org/grants - about the Society’s own Grants Programmes

www.rgs.org/grants > Other funding sources – Delicious™ links to Grant-giving organisations
and Advice on funding an expedition

Adrian Ashby-Smith Memorial Trust
http://www.charitychoice.co.uk/the-adrian-ashby-smith-memorial-trust-145528

The Trust offers grants in three categories to individuals seeking funding for expeditions and fieldwork: a member of scientific/exploratory expedition, a disabled expedition member, and an expedition member from an disadvantaged background. Preference is given to individuals under 40 years of age taking part in their first expedition. Applications should be sent to: The Adrian Ashby-Smith Memorial Trust, 13 Gloucester Place, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 2AJ.

Adventure Trust for Girls http://www.turn2us.org.uk/charities/a/the_adventure_trust_for_girls.aspx

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.

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.

Alpine Garden Society http://www.alpinegardesociety.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. 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](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.

**Andrew Croft Memorial Fund**  [http://www.acmf.org.uk](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](http://www.andyfanshawe.org)

The AFMT helps those - organisations, schools or individuals - who lack the means to visit the world's high place. 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.

**Augustine Courtauld Trust**  [http://www.augustinecourtauldtrust.org](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.

**Bat Conservation International**  [http://www.batcon.org](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 15, 2013.

**BCRA - British Cave Research Association Research Fund**  [http://www.bcra.org.uk](http://www.bcra.org.uk)

BCRA has £20,000 to support research over 5 years (2011 to 2014), 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. New scheme (July 2013) has been created for individual undergraduate applicants who must be cavers who are members of their university or local caving club.
**Berghaus**

The Berghaus Live for Adventure Challenge seeks to support individuals and teams for an outdoor adventure. In each monthly competition cycle, £1000 cash and £1000 worth of Berghaus gear is granted. A panel will shortlist the three best applications each month, but the public will vote for who wins the prize.

**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.

**Bird Exploration Fund**
http://opencharities.org/charities/313019

Support for ornithological projects leading to the enhancement of the Natural History Museum bird collection. Open to individuals and groups working in the UK and abroad. Grant range: £100- £500. Applications should be sent to: r.prys-jones@nhm.ac.uk

**BP Conservation Programme**
http://conservation.bp.com

Approximately 20 Future Conservationist Awards of up to $15,000 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. Application deadline: 11th November.

**British Airways Travel Bursaries**
http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Postgraduate+grants/British+Airways+Travel+Bursaries.htm

The award offers return flights for two individuals conducting conservation-related fieldwork outside the UK. Applicants of any nationality are welcome to apply but must be affiliated with a UK Higher Education institution. British Airways stipulate strict terms and conditions. Researchers should be under 35 or individuals undertaking a postgraduate research project and must be registered at a UK higher education institution.

**British Canoe Union**
http://www.bcu.org.uk

Grants for international canoeing expeditions, with considerable canoeing experience and previous expeditions a pre-requisite. BCU also have an Expeditions for Youth fund providing small grants, typically 50, to assist young people to undertake canoeing expeditions.

**British Ecological Society**
http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants-awards/

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.
British Mountaineering Council  http://www.thebmc.co.uk

The British Mountaineering Council offers grants only to those climbers on the expedition who are BMC members. Grant support focuses on younger climbers and exists for the disabled with the Julie Tullis Memorial Fund for the disabled.

British Ornithologists Union  http://www.bou.org.uk

Most of British Ornithologists Unions support is in the form of small grants of up to £2,000, but the BOU does from time to time sponsor much larger projects. A current priority is for work in UKs Overseas Territories. Deadline: 30 November 2013 for awards given in March 2014.

British Sub-Aqua Jubilee Trust  http://www.bsac.org/services/jubilee/jtrust.htm

The BSAC offers a total of 5 expedition grants of £1,000. 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.

Captain Scott Society  http://www.captainscottsociety.co.uk

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 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.

Connect Youth International  http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-ie-youth-exchange.htm

Connect Youth International (formerly the Youth Exchange Centre) promotes exchanges of young people between the United Kingdom and other countries. Connect Youth International gives grants for groups of young people on bilateral exchanges travelling or hosting their partners. The minimum duration of a project should be 7 days. They can help with the preparation for a youth exchange by giving the organisers grants for Advance Planning Visits. Young people on a project must be aged 15-25 to qualify.

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: 31 December each year.
CoSCAN Travel Awards

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.

Dudley Stamp Memorial Trust
http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Postgraduate+grants/Dudley+Stamp+Memorial+Award.htm

The Dudley Stamp Memorial Fund provides small grants (up to £500) for geographers to assist them in postgraduate research or study travel likely to lead to the advancement of geography and to international co-operation in the study of the subject. Applications are particularly welcome for projects which will strengthen links between geographers in the United Kingdom and those overseas. Deadline: 22 February each year.

Dunsheath Expedition Awards
http://www.lon.ac.uk/Courses_Research/Conv/Conv1/dunsheath.asp

The awards are available to groups of two or more registered students and/or recent graduates of the University of London. The expedition must be one which you yourself are initiating and planning, and not a pre-organised group in which you are seeking a place. Awards are unlikely to cover the full costs of your expedition, so you must have, or be actively seeking, other sources of funding towards these costs. Deadline: March each year.

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.

Earthwatch International  http://www.earthwatch.org

Earthwatch supports doctoral and postdoctoral researchers, or researchers with equivalent scholarship
of any nationality. Earthwatch awards research grants on a per capita basis; the total amount of the
grant is determined by multiplying the per capita grant by the number of Earthwatch volunteers
participating in the project. Per capita grants average $850. First stage application process begins
December/January.

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 - £2 million, funding over 2,500 researchers in academic
institutions and policy research institutes throughout the UK. ESRC also support more than 2,000
postgraduate students.

Edward Wilson Fund  http://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/about/

The Edward Wilson fund is administered by the Scott Polar Institute. Grants from the fund are applicable
to expeditions to polar regions in which biological and ecological studies are prominent. Grants of up to
£1,500 are available.

Eric Hosking Charitable Trust  http://www.hosking-tours.co.uk

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  http://www.explorers.org

The Club's Youth Activity Fund Grant offers support to high school students and college undergraduates,
aiming to foster a generation of explorers dedicated to advancing scientific knowledge. Awards range
from $500-$5,000. Graduate, post-graduate, doctorate and early career post-doctoral students are
supported, where the average award is approximately $2,500. 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: 16 December
each year.
**Explorers Club Youth Activity**  
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.

**Falkland Islands Foundation**  
http://www.ukfit.org

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

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

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: Fred Harper Memorial Trust, Mosswood Cottage,York Y061 4TQ.

**Frederick Soddy Trust**  
http://www.soddy.org

Funding for expeditions and fieldwork is focused on research largely involving contemporary human geography normally up to £2,000. Grants are given to schools, universities and independent groups. Grants are not made to or for individuals. Submit applications September-January each year.
French Huguenot Church of London Charitable Trust
Annual scholarship of £2,500 awarded to a student working for a higher degree on a Huguenot subject, i.e. the study of any activity of the French, the Dutch, the Flemish or the Walloon Protestants from the 16th century to the present, in any geographical area. Preference is given to those who or whose parents are members of the French Protestant Church of London, and to persons of French Protestant descent. Deadline 1 October each year.

Fuchs Foundation 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. Also, to help young people who would otherwise be precluded for reasons of family background or financial status, undertake adventurous outdoor activity. Individual applicants only, normally aged from 14-18. Applicants from University, Medical school or Technical college expeditions are not considered.

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 http://www.geography.org.uk
The Geographical Association offer a number of different awards and funds. Most are relatively small in scale and available for specific projects. GA Awards aim to recognise material which is likely to make a significant contribution to geography in primary schools, secondary schools or colleges.

Geographical Club Award http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/
The Geographical Club Award provides two awards of £1,000 to support postgraduate students (Masters or PhD) undertaking geographical fieldwork or other forms of data collection in the UK or overseas to advance geographical knowledge or understanding. One award is given for Physical and one for Human Geography. Application deadline is 23 November each year.

Geographical Fieldwork Grants http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/
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. There are two deadlines per year: one for projects to be undertaken in the summer and one for those in winter/southern summer. Eligibility: Expedition and fieldwork teams of 3 or more people.
Geological Society http://www.geolsoc.org.uk

Approximately 10 research grants available per year for the advancement of geological science, ranging from £1,000-£2,000. Applicants must apply in affiliation with a University. Deadline: 1 February each year.

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. Submit applications between 31 January and 31 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.

Gilchrist Fieldwork Award
http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Research/Gilchrist+Fieldwork+Award.htm

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.

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.gefweb.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  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.

Gordon Foundation  http://www.gordon.foundation.btinternet.co.uk

The Gordon Foundation helps people up to the age of 30 grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society. It offers grants to support their education in the fine or performing arts, particularly music, drama or design, or to allow them to engage in educational travel which involves physical challenge and endeavour.

Harley Fellowships  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. Deadline: 1 November each year.

Hans Saari Memorial Fund Ski Exploration Grant (HSMF)  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 Memorial Fund

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

Hong Kong Research Grant  http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Grants.htm

The grant is a single annual award worth £2,500 offered to a postgraduate undertaking research in the Greater China region (Peoples Republic of China, Taiwan, Macau SAR and Hong Kong SAR). Strong preference is given to individuals and to projects working closely with host communities. Fieldwork must exceed 4 weeks. Eligibility: Postgraduate students undertaking a PhD course. Deadline: 23 November each year.
Innovative Geography Teaching Grants

The RGS-IBG awards five grants of up to £800 to fund innovative geography teaching at secondary level. The aim is to serve both geography pupils and the wider teaching community. At least one grant will be prioritised for Members, Fellows or applicants whose institution is an Educational Member of the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers). Eligibility: Secondary geography teachers, NQTs, GTP Trainees and PGCE Students. Deadline: 15 October each year.


The Netherlands Committee for IUCN administers a small grants programme for projects aimed at the conservation and sustainable management of wetlands. Grants are only given to local NGOs to implement wetland conservation and management projects, related awareness training or related lobby activities. Please check their website for full criteria and a list of priority countries.

Jim Bishop Memorial Fund  http://www.theyet.org/grant_aid.php

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.

John Jarrold Trust  http://www.jarrold.com

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 and does not support gap year programmes.

Journey of a Lifetime Grant  http://www.rgs.org

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: 4 October each year.

John Muir Trust  http://www.jmt.org/bill-wallace-grant.asp

A grant of £300 - £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: 18 January each year.


Training grants and fellowships allow young scientists to pursue higher degrees or specialised training, especially in developing nations where such funding is not readily available. 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-$13,500 range.

**Land Rover 'Go Beyond' Bursary**  
http://www.rgs.org/grants

The Land Rover Go Beyond Bursary, run by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) on behalf of Land Rover, provides £10,000 funding and the use of a Land Rover 110 Defender vehicle to help the successful participants 'go beyond'. 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. Eligibility: Individual Travellers or Teams.

**Learning & Leading Gap Year Scholarships**  
http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Learning+and+Leading

Each year gap scholarships are awarded to enable young geographers to have an overseas gap experience before university. This includes a grant of up to £4,000 plus expert support and mentoring to plan a worthwhile experience. These are aimed at students who, through challenging circumstances or lack of opportunity, would not otherwise be able to have such experiences. Deadline: 4 October each year.

**Leverhulme Trust**  
http://www.leverhulme.org.uk

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

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

This fund is intended to help university lecturers 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 submit an article to North West Geography within a year. 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

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/OurWork/Grants

The Monica Cole Research Grant offers £1,000 each year to a female 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

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 research involving the world’s mountains regions.

Mountaineering Council of Scotland  http://www.mcofs.org.uk/home.asp

MCofS supports Scottish-based climbers to all parts of the world. Grants have been awarded for objectives that were at the cutting edge of mountaineering by experienced climbers, exploratory expeditions into un-chartered or little visited mountain areas, and as a means of supporting Scottish climbers gaining experience to tackle objectives in the greater ranges. MCofS membership required.

National Geographic Society Expeditions Council  http://www.nationalgeographic.com/council

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.

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.

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 offers grants to scientists in NATO, Partner and Mediterranean Dialogue countries to collaborate on priority research topics, which include NATO priorities and additional Partner country priorities. Grants are also offered to assist the academic community in partner countries to set up computer networking infrastructure and to optimize their use of electronic communication.

**Neville Shulman Challenge Award**  
http://www.rgs.org/grants

An annual award of £8,000 for a project that aims to further the understanding and exploration of the planets cultures and environments, while promoting personal development through the intellectual or physical challenges involved. Projects can be desk or field based and are for independent travel. Eligibility: UK nationals over the age of 25. Postgraduate research proposals will not be funded. 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.

**Nuffield Foundation**  
http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org

Funding programmes aim to improve social well-being by 1) Funding research and innovation in education and social policy and 2) increasing the proliferation and quality of research and professional skills – both in science and social sciences – through our capacity building programmes. Grants range in size from £5000 to £200,000 and are usually only made to UK organisations.

**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. Joint ventures with the Adventure Trust for Girls are actively encouraged. Applicants must have reached the age of 11 but not exceeded 21. All activities must include substantial elements of travel and/or adventure in order to qualify for support.

**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: 31 January each year.

**Patagonia**

http://www.patagonia.com

Patagonia funds only environmental work 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 April 30 and August 31.

**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 £500-£10,000. Applications welcomed throughout the year.

**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 £750. 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.

**Peter Fleming Award**

http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Research/Peter+Fleming+Award.htm

The Peter Fleming Award is an annual award of up to £9,000 for a geographical research project that seeks to advance geographical science. The award is open to UK nationals at a post-doctoral level. Applications can be made in any field of geography provided the project can demonstrate genuine advancement of current knowledge. Eligibility: UK based researchers who have a proven research/exploration record at postgraduate level or above. Deadline: 23 November each year.

**Polartec Challenge**

http://www.polartec.com/pulse/challange.php

Polartec Challenge is an international grant program that supports the spirit and practice of outdoor adventure. We assist frugal, low impact teams who respect the local culture and environment and serve as role models to outdoor enthusiasts worldwide. Average grant: $2,000 - $8,000. Deadline: 31 December each year.
Postgraduate Research Awards

http://www.rgs.org/grants

The Society offers six awards of £2,000 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. 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.

R J Harris Charitable Trust

http://www.turn2us.org.uk/charities/r/r_j_harris_charitable_settleme.aspx

Grants are given to supports arts, youth, environmental, conservation and heritage projects in Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire. Contact: R J Harris Charitable TrustMessrs. Thrings Townsend Solicitors, Midland Bridge Road, BATH BA1 2HQ.

Rainforest Alliance

http://www.rainforest-alliance.org

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 $16,000. Deadline: 31 December of even years (e.g. 2014, 2016).

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. Applicants must be fellows or members of the RGS-IBG. 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. The single grant of £1,000 is 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: 15 October.


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](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.ricseducationtrust.org](http://www.ricseducationtrust.org)

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.


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](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. 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, Radcliffe-Brown & Firth Trust Funds for Social Anthropological Research and the Ruggles-Gates Fund for Biological Anthropology. The grants vary in their criteria and range from £500 to £7,000.

Royal Archaeological Institute  http://www.royalarchaeolinst.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. All deadlines: 31 January.

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: 15 October.

Royal Society for Asian Affairs  http://www.rsaa.org.uk

The Society administers the Sir Peter Holmes Memorial 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: 15 November.

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, amounting to £68,000 over different phases. Applications are welcomed throughout the year.
Ruggles-Gate Fund For Research
http://www.rai.anthropology.org.uk/grants/research_funds.html
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.

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 2014, SES are offering £15,000 spread over 4 awards. All awards have a deadline of 31st December 2013.

Shell Personal Development Awards
http://www.shell.com/home/content/careers/
For individual 1st or 2nd year undergraduate students in any discipline who are planning to push the limits. For example, working as part of a voluntary organisation, contributing to community projects, learning a new language or skill, planning an expedition. Applications are welcome from students of any discipline, who are currently in their penultimate year of study or earlier. This award of £500 is only open to students who are currently studying in the UK or the Netherlands.

Shipton/Tilman Grant
http://www.goretex.com/remote/Satellite?c=fabrics_content_c&cid=1148660729549&pagename=gore_steps
The annual grant provides $25,000 each year to be divided among three to six expeditions that are most in harmony with Shipton and Tilman’s philosophies. Applications are accepted from small, unencumbered teams of friends with daring and imaginative goals. The expedition team must plan to accomplish their feat in a self-propelled, environmentally sound and cost-effective way. Deadline: 1 March each year.

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.
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 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: 31 July preceding the start or continuation of the degree course in October of the same year.

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

Sports Council for Wales  
http://www.sports-council-wales.co.uk
Welsh Sports Associations Outdoor Pursuits Group assesses applications for overseas expeditions. Priority will be given to Wales-based expeditions. Only Welsh team members will be eligible for funding. The Grant will normally be limited to a contribution of up to 50% towards the estimated cost of travel, U.K and abroad, essential additional equipment and safety equipment. Expeditions exclusively of an educational or scientific nature will not be eligible. Applications welcomed throughout the year.

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 £3,000 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.

Thesiger-Oman International Fellowships  

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) offers two annual Fellowships up to £8,000 for geographical research in the Middle East and other arid regions of the world. One grant is awarded for research on the physical aspects of the desert environment and the second for 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.

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. 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. 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  
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  
http://www.taafund.org

The TAA 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. Normally TAAF funds are used to supplement funds from other agencies or raised by the applicants themselves to finance their attachment to an overseas project which will give valuable
work experience (8 weeks to 12 months) to qualified young people. Applications invited throughout the 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 31 October). Awards also exist for Biosphere Reserve Management (1 award of $6,000, deadline 31 October) and Environmental Preservation (bi-annual award of $70,000).

**United Nations Development Programme**
http://www.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/.

**Vander-Molen Foundation**
http://opencharities.org/charities/293820

To provide opportunities for people with disabilities to enjoy and participate in adventurous activities. Open to individuals, schools, clubs, expeditions. Grants range from £200- £1,000. Contact: Vander-Molen Foundation, Michael Coyne, 92 Belgrave House, Wanstead, London, E11 3QP.

**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.

**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/

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.

**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 each year.

**World Pheasant Association**
http://www.pheasant.org.uk

Projects must deal with the conservation of galliformes (including their habitat). Wherever possible, it is desirable to link projects to IUCN/WPA Action Plan targets, but other activities will be considered. Average grant: £150-£250.

**Wyndham Deedes Travel Scholarship to Israel**
http://www.shamash.org/ejin/brijnet/aia/deedes.htm

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: 31 July each year.

**Young Explorers' Trust**
http://www.theyet.org

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. Deadline: 31 March the year before the expedition.

**Young Scientists for Rain Forests Award**
http://www.conservationfoundation.co.uk

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).

Zoological Society of London  http://www.zsl.org

The ZSL funds short field expeditions to address questions in field conservation of threatened or potentially threatened species outside Western Europe and North America. Applicants should be at least 20 years of age and resident in the UK, or registered at a UK university or college. Preference is for small teams rather than individuals. The expedition teams are expected to help build capacity in host countries (i.e., training, equipment, support for local research, etc.). Grants are approximately £2,000. Deadline: 31 January each year.

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