

## Expedition Fund Grant Application Form

The AAC (UK) distributes funding to mountaineering expeditions run by its members if it considers such expeditions to be relevant to the Club's aims, of a worthwhile nature and mindful of their possible impact on the environment and the climate. This funding has been donated by our members for this specific purpose. We are particularly keen to support small independent expeditions run and manned by younger members in the early stages of their mountaineering career, and those with scientific objectives. It is essential that consideration is given to the carbon cost of the expedition and that this cost is minimised through the use of appropriate travel methods and carbon offsetting. Information on the Climate Crisis and links to a useful carbon calculator and a suitable carbon offsetting scheme are available on the AAC(UK) website under the Environment tab.

There are a number of rules for expedition grants:

1. Grants will only be awarded to expeditions which can demonstrate a worthwhile contribution to mountaineering e.g. new or pioneering routes and/or significant environmental/scientific aims. These are likely to be for the Greater Ranges or isolated areas.
2. The grant applicant must be a current AAC(UK) member and only those expedition members who have at least three years continuous membership (including the year of the application) will qualify for a grant.
3. Grants are allocated on a per person basis and are unlikely to exceed £500 per person or £1,500 per group.
4. A member can only qualify for one grant per year. A member who applies in consecutive years will only be eligible for a maximum grant of £300 in the second and following years and the maximum grant for the group will be reduced to £1000. *This does not apply to re-applications following postponements or cancellations of expeditions previously awarded grants.*
5. Grant applications must be received at least 2 months prior to the start of the expedition.
6. Expeditions must be organised by Club members themselves and we cannot consider any expeditions which are organised by a commercial operator (except for support from local agents in the destination country).
7. It is a condition of receiving an AAC(UK) grant that you comply with the current regulations of both your own country and the countries you propose to visit. These may include travel regulations or advice, payment of peak fees, the insurance and equipping of porters, the employment of a Liaison Office and the deposit of environmental, customs and rescue bonds.
8. Before a grant is paid you must provide evidence that the expedition is going ahead e.g. travel bookings, and that you have purchased carbon offsets for all travel involved.
9. Any grants paid must be returned if an expedition is cancelled or postponed to another year. For expeditions that are postponed a new application is required if there are any major changes, particularly of personnel.
10. If an expedition is postponed to later in the year, or there are major changes in the proposed destination/group composition, the Committee must be informed so that any grant awarded can be reconsidered.
11. In return for a grant we expect to receive an Expedition Report (the format of AAC(UK) Expedition Reports is specified on our website). These reports will be made available in the members section of our website. In addition we expect to receive either an article for the Club newsletter (1,000 words with accompanying photos in jpeg form - not embedded) or the presentation of a lecture to the AAC(UK) at one of our regular lecture venues in London and Reading (or possibly at our autumn AGM). It is possible for the lecture to be given virtually in order to avoid unnecessary travel. The AAC(UK) grant should also be mentioned in any other publications in which the expedition is featured.

**Name of expedition****Expedition organiser/leader** (or name of applicant if not the leader)

- a) Name
- b) Postal address
- c) Phone number(s)
- d) Email address

**Name of mountain** (or mountain range) **and country** (if on a country border, give the country of approach)**Name and details of the organising body** (if there is one).

**Mountaineering CV of all participants** (with special reference to mountaineering/climbing skills, previous expedition experience, scientific qualifications. Personal information must include age, current AAC(UK) membership number and previous years' membership)

**Summary of the aims and objectives of the expedition**

- a) What benefits will arise from the expedition (e.g. environmental, sporting, scientific)?
- b) What mountaineering/alpine challenges will be attempted?
- c) What information resources have you used?
- d) What steps will you take to mitigate your environmental impact?

**Inclusive dates and outline itinerary****Carbon footprint calculation**

Please use the carbon footprint calculator at <https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx> (or other suitable calculator/calculation method) to work out the carbon cost of the travel element of your expedition and include the details (so that the calculation can be checked) within this section. Indicate what steps you have taken to minimise this cost and highlight the total carbon cost.

**What regulations are required by your destination country?** (e.g. visas, peak permits and fees, porter requirements, liaison officer, environmental, customs and rescue bonds. Have these been granted, or when do you expect them to be granted? )

**Insurance and emergency arrangements.**

- a) What insurance cover have you arranged?
- b) What communication system will you be using in an emergency?
- c) Are there any evacuation procedures in your destination country?

**What other organisations are being approached for funding?**

## Expedition Budget

Please itemise your Expedition budget showing expected income and expenditure and the source of all expedition funding. Indicate what personal contributions are being made by the expedition members themselves.

### Expedition costs

Travel to and from destination country

In-country agency fees

(If not included above)

Travel within country

Food and accommodation

Local employment costs

Regulatory fees

Insurance

Other expenses: please detail

### Total expenses

### Expedition income

Personal contributions

Sponsorship

Grants already approved

Other income

### Total income

## Expedition reporting

a) Other than on the AAC(UK) website where will an Expedition Report be published?

b) In what other ways will your expedition be publicised?

As well as the Expedition Report please indicate which of the following the AAC(UK) can expect to receive:

a) Presentation of a lecture to the AAC(UK) at one of our regular lecture venues in London and Reading (in person or virtually);

b) Presentation of a lecture at our autumn AGM;

c) An article for our Newsletter (1000 words with accompanying jpeg photos).

To the best of my knowledge and belief all of the information provided above is correct. I confirm on behalf of the applicants that this application concerns nothing more than funding and does not represent in any way any suggestion of formal AAC (UK) approval or endorsement of the proposed expedition itself. We agree to the conditions set out on page 1 of this application.

Signed:\*

Name:

Date:

\*If not signed and scanned, or an e-signature is not available; by returning this form it will be assumed that you agree to the above disclaimer.

List of any attached supporting documents: