

# 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.*

*This should be used in association with the web resources that can be found on the RGS-IBG website [www.rgs.org/grants](http://www.rgs.org/grants) - about the Society's own Grants Programmes and [Advice on funding an expedition](#)*

**Adventure Trust for Girls** [http://www.turn2us.org.uk/charities/a/the\\_adventure\\_trust\\_for\\_girls.aspx](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>

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>

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

**Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust**

<http://www.andyfanshawe.org>

The AFMT 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>

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>

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>

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

**Big Lottery Fund**

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

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

**Conservation Leadership Programme**

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

Approximately 20 Future Conservationist Awards of up to \$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 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 Society for Geomorphology**

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

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

**British Ecological Society**

<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 BSAC Expedition Grant Scheme (BEGS)**

<http://www.bsac.com/page.asp?section=1816&sectionTitle=Expedition+Grants>

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

**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.





### **Dudley Stamp Memorial Awards**

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

The Dudley Stamp Memorial Fund provides several 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.

### **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 - £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.

### **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.







  
**Gilchrist Fieldwork Award**

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

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

**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.







**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 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 worlds 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. MC of S 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.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.

  
**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.

  
**Polartec Challenge**

<http://www.polartec.com/pulse/challenge.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.

**RGS-IBG Postgraduate Research Awards**

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

The Society offers several awards of up to £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.

**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. 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



  
**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](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/](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=goretex\\_en\\_](http://www.goretex.com/remote/Satellite?c=fabrics_content_c&cid=1148660729549&pagename=goretex_en_)

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.

  
**RGS-IBG Small Research Grants**

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

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

**Society For Underwater Technology**

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

The 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 £3000 annually.

  
**The Cross Trust**

<http://www.thecrosstrust.org.uk/index.html>

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

**Thesiger-Oman International Fellowships**

<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Research/Thesiger-Oman+Fellowships.htm>

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

**Thirtieth International Geographical Congress Award**

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

Five grants of up to £750 are awarded annually to researchers to assist with the cost of attending an international conference. Priority is given to early career researchers presenting papers. The conference must be organised by a geographical organisation, associated or union affiliated with the International Council of Science (ISCU). Deadline for applications is 30 September 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. 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.

