



MOUNT EVEREST FOUNDATION

Patron: HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG KT

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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The application will only be accepted as a hard copy of this form (or a same sized photocopy). **Please type all applications and keep strictly to three pages (plus the fourth page appendix for scientific expeditions).** Photographs and maps are allowed as extra pages. **Deviations from this or applications sent electronically will not be accepted.** Provision of adequate detail may make an interview unnecessary, although in general the MEF wants to see all first time leaders.

1. Name of Expedition:

Leader's details.

Name:

Address:

Telephone number (day):

Telephone number (evening):

FAX:

Email:

2. Country and region to be visited:

Objectives:

Duration (from-to):

3. Expedition Members. Give name, age, nationality, occupation and relevant experience of each member. **Please refer to section 5 in the Guidelines.**

4. Budget

Expedition Costs:

Travel -

Food and Stores -

Peak Fees and Liaison Officer -

Hire of Labour -

Insurance -

Other and contingency -

TOTAL:

Expedition Income:

Number of Members -

Amount of Personal Contributions -

Please give details of grants

already approved -

Other sources -

TOTAL:

5. To what other organisations or sponsors have you applied for grants and with what results so far?

If you wish to be considered for BMC Approval only, place a cross in the following box

(those wishing to apply for a BMC grant must approach the BMC directly; (see section 3 in Guidelines)

6. Permits.

To whom have you applied?

When do you expect a decision?

7. Whom have you consulted about the expedition?

8. Give names, addresses and Email addresses if available of two referees who can supply details concerning the general standing and objectives of the expedition and its members (questionnaire proforma follows). Referees should not be members of either the MEF Screening or Management Committees.

9. Name of the bank account to which the grant should be paid:

Grant cheques will be sent direct to the leader once the conditions under which the grant was offered have been accepted and a copy of the permit provided to the MEF.

10. Grants are awarded on the understanding that you have obtained and will comply with the latest regulations of the country to be visited. Information on expedition fees and regulations can be obtained directly from the MEF website <http://www.mef.org.uk>. (Scientific expeditions must also complete Section C of the Appendix.)

Which Ministry, Embassy or Tourist Department have you contacted?

What arrangements are being made for local employees and have you provided for their compensation in case of mishap?

The MEF cannot provide assistance for expeditions that run in to financial difficulty and you should therefore consider what support you could call upon in an emergency, since financial insolvency could damage the reputation of British mountaineering and harm future expeditions. Can you call on financial reserves in case of an emergency?

Where applicable, have allowances been made for the deposit of money with (1) the customs authorities against import of equipment and (2) the Ministry against rescue expenses and an environmental bond?

11. State what plans and experience you have to enable you to cope in the event of an accident or illness during the trip.

12. What steps have been made to research the area to be visited, in particular its geography, political situation and previous exploratory mountaineering or scientific work in your chosen field? For primarily scientific expeditions, list up to 4 key publications, maps or other materials used to develop your scientific objectives.

Have your plans been discussed with any relevant scientific bodies?

Apart from the Expedition Report, what plans do you have to disseminate and/or publish the results of the expedition?

13. Please give details of how you plan to minimise your impact on the environment and in particular your strategy for Waste Management during the expedition.

14. Please describe your project as fully as possible, in particular outlining any innovative features. Please provide at least one map and photograph of your objective. The Screening Committee will want to see additional maps and photographs if or when you come for interview.

15. Declaration

The information submitted in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct at the time this application was made. Should any significant developments arise after this application is made, such as change of team members or official permits being refused, I will keep the MEF informed of such developments. I have informed my two referees that their statements should be returned directly to the MEF. Should this expedition be cancelled or postponed subsequent to receiving support from the MEF, I will return the grant awarded.

I also acknowledge that:

1. Expedition members are not seeking advice from the MEF or BMC regarding their approach to and choice of mountain venue.
2. All discussion with MEF/BMC personnel is in the context of those bodies making an assessment of the merits of the expedition and suitability for grant aid.
3. Any information regarding the expedition venue provided by the MEF/BMC personnel in the course of discussion, is historical and derived either from personal observation or anecdotal evidence and is not definitive.
4. Expedition members will rely upon their own judgement at all times whilst on or approaching the mountain venue.

Signed..... Date.....

Where possible please include photos and maps of your objective and send with four copies of this application form to:
W H Ruthven, MEF Hon Secretary, 1 Sarabeth Drive, Tunley, Bath BA2 0EA.
Telephone: 01761 472 998 email: bill.ruthven@btinternet.com

APPENDIX FOR EXPEDITIONS WITH A SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC FOCUS

A. What are the objectives of your scientific research? (maximum 100 words)

B. Describe the field research work to be done, paying special attention to methodology. If more than one project is to be carried out, explain how different projects relate to each other. (maximum 250 words)

C. Indicate the steps you have taken to establish what permissions are required from the host country authorities to undertake your research (eg. collection and export of scientific samples, interview, research, ethical issues) and what stage you have reached in obtaining such permissions. The Screening Committee will want to see copies of any permits and/or correspondence if or when you come for interview.

D. If team members have participated in other expeditions, give full references of their most important reports and/or peer-reviewed publications.