



GRANT APPLICATION FORM

This application form should be submitted as an E-mail attachment, preferably in pdf format. Please type all applications, and include photographs and maps where possible. Deviations from this will not be accepted. Provision of adequate detail may make an interview unnecessary, although in general the MEF will want to see all first time leaders.

PART 1

1. Name of Expedition:

Leader's details: Name:
Address:

Telephone number (day):
Telephone number (evening):

Email:

2. Country and region to be visited:

Objectives:

Google Earth coordinates of main objective or approximate base camp:

Duration (from-to):

3. Expedition Members. Give name, age, nationality, occupation and relevant experience, and an **email address** for each member. **(Please refer to section 10 in the Guidelines).**

4. Budget

Expedition Costs:

International Travel -
Domestic flights and transport-
Permits and Peak Fees-
Liaison Officer or Sirdar-
Expedition members' insurance-
Porter / staff Insurance-
Food and fuel (base camp and above)-
Agency fees if applicable-
Porters and pack animals-

TOTAL:

Expedition Income:

Number of Members -
Amount of Personal Contributions -
Details of grants already approved-
Other sources including sponsors-

TOTAL:

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

Do you wish to be considered for BMC Approval only?

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

6: Please indicate how your expedition meets the objectives of the MEF

7: Apart from the Expedition Report, what plans do you have to disseminate and/or publish the results of the expedition and acknowledge the support of the MEF? If the expedition is to have a website or social media presence, please include the details here if you would like the MEF to link in.

8: Is either a film and/or a book planned to record the expedition. Has this been commissioned? Please explain if the income is contributing to the costs of the expedition if not already set out in 4 above. If the income from the book/film is not part of the expedition budget, please explain why this is.

9: Name, number and sort code of the bank account to which the grant should be paid:

Name:

Sort Code:

Account No:

The MEF will normally pay grants by bank transfer. Payment will be made once the conditions under which the grant was offered have been accepted and a copy of the permit (if applicable) provided to the MEF. If you would prefer to receive a cheque, please indicate here. Payment by cheque will be made directly to the leader and only if requested.

PART 2

10. Permits.

To whom have you applied?

When do you expect a decision?

11. Whom have you consulted about the expedition?

12. Give names, postal addresses and e-mail addresses of two referees who can provide details of the general standing and objectives of the expedition and its members. Members of the MEF Screening or Management Committees cannot be referees. Please supply your referees with copies of the grant application form, and ask them to download the Referees Pro Forma (form MEF-K) from the MEF website. After completing the form, they should send it by e-mail directly to the MEF Secretary, thosrichardson@hotmail.com

13. Grants are awarded on the understanding that you have obtained, and will comply with, the latest regulations of the country to be visited. 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: 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?

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

15. 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 four key publications, maps or other materials used to develop your scientific objectives.

Have your plans been discussed with any relevant scientific bodies?

16. 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.

17. Please describe your project as fully as possible, in particular outlining any innovative features. Please provide maps and photographs of your objective. The Screening Committee will want to see any additional maps and photographs if you come for interview.

18 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.

Full name of applicant (Typed)..... Date.....

Where possible please include photos and maps of your objective, and send as a complete file to thosrichardson@hotmail.com

Tom Richardson, MEF Hon Secretary, 66 Brincliffe Edge Road, Sheffield, S11 9BW

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, and the novelty/new knowledge to be generated from the expedition. 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 and at what stage you have reached in obtaining these. Please indicate what health and safety, and ethical approvals will be provided by your institution. The Screening Committee will want to see copies of any permits and/or correspondence if 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.

E. Please indicate the scientific outputs (journal articles, monographs, NGO reports for example) intended to result from the MEF funded work, and the plan for delivering these? If a publication is accepted, then a paper or electronic copy must be forwarded to the MEF when it becomes available.