

The Jeremy Willson Mountain Exploration Grant *funded by The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust*

Grant Guidelines

The Jeremy Willson Mountain Exploration Grant is available on an annual basis to those applying for expedition grants from the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) and Mount Everest Foundation (MEF). Eligible applicants will be conducting independent and ground-breaking mountaineering expeditions in regions outside the United Kingdom. The grant is funded by the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust.

Grant value

The annual value of the grant will be up to £1,500. The grant may be split between two or more applicants. Additional funds may be provided at the discretion of the trustees of the JWCT.

Eligibility

Applicants will be considered who are British, aged 35 or under (at the date of application) and participating in independently-organised exploratory expeditions to mountainous regions outside the United Kingdom.

Expeditions should break new ground, for example first ascents of peaks or new routes.

Special consideration will be given to expeditions, (i) which are conducted in under-explored or formerly inaccessible areas, (ii) where worthwhile research is conducted in collaboration with recognised institution/s (with peer-reviewed publications produced), and/or (iii) which aim to provide a benefit to local communities and/or environments.

Consideration will also be given to applicants who are encountering difficulties in raising funds due to personal or family circumstances and/or where participation will be of particular benefit to the individual's career.

Funding will only be provided for expeditions which seek to minimise negative environmental and social impacts.

Applicants participating in expeditions organised by either commercial or charitable organisations charging a joining fee for their services are not eligible for grants.

Application and Selection

Applicants should apply directly to the BMC. Guidelines for applying can be found on the BMC's website. Applicants applying only to the MEF should send the BMC their MEF application

The BMC's International Committee will provide details of one or more suggested grant recipients, and if necessary recommend one candidate for receipt of a grant by 30th April each year. The trustees of the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust will make the final decision on the grant recipient and inform the BMC in reasonable time.

Use of grant funds

The grant is intended to contribute directly towards the expedition costs.

Payment of the grant

Payment of the grant/s will be made in one cheque to the grant recipient by The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust. The BMC will ensure that the Grant Form is completed and signed (as a hard copy or electronically) and returned to the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust. At this stage the grant recipient will be required to provide digital photo/s and a quote for the website.

If for any reason the expedition does not proceed as described, the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust and the BMC should be informed immediately in writing by the grant recipient. In these circumstances the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust reserves the right to request return of the full value of the grant.

Reporting

The grant recipient will be expected to provide a final expedition report in pdf format by the date stated on the Grant Form, and an electronic copy of any published material. Each report and any published material (including websites) should include an appropriate acknowledgement to the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust. In particular

the grant recipient will be expected to make every effort to ensure that the support of the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust is acknowledged in any articles and included in any presentations. The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust encourages the use of its logo in reports and presentations. This can be provided on request.

The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust is grateful for any digital photographs that can be provided.

The expedition report should be submitted directly to the BMC prior to sending by email transmission and post to the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust. Contact details for The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust can be found at www.jwct.org.uk.

Publicity

The grant recipient will be expected to be involved in any reasonable publicity relating to the receipt of the grant. This may include photographs and articles being published on The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust website and local and national newspapers.

The grant recipient may be provided with T-shirts, embroidered badges, and/or stickers featuring The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust logo. These should be used by the grant recipient, in particular for photo opportunities.

Liability

The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust accepts no liability for loss and damage resulting from any activities relating to the award of the grant.

The donor

The funding is provided by the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust. More information can be found at www.jwct.org.uk.

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Grant Acceptance Form

The Jeremy Willson Mountain Exploration Grant has been awarded to:

for the following expedition: **<insert project or expedition title>**

for the amount of: **<insert amount>**

for the period: **<insert start date>** to: **<insert end date>**

Grant recipient address: **<insert full address>**

Grant recipient contact telephone number: **<insert telephone number>**

Grant recipient e-mail address: **<insert e-mail address>**

Report submission dates: **<insert submission dates>**

I acknowledge receipt of the grant of **<insert amount>**. I have read and understood the Jeremy Willson Mountain Exploration Grant Guidelines as detailed above and agree to the conditions.

Signed:

Date: **<insert date>**