

# THE CARNEGIE TRUST FOR THE UNIVERSITIES OF SCOTLAND

## SCOTTISH UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE EXPEDITIONS

### REGULATIONS

1. The Executive Committee of the Trust is prepared to consider applications for support of University Expeditions which fulfil the requirements set out below.
2. The main concern of the Trust is the furthering of undergraduate field training in research methods used in circumstances where exploration of new territory is a feature or where new knowledge will result. The primary aim of the Expedition must be to extend knowledge in the field sciences under staff supervision.
3. **The Expedition must have a coherent programme of research and must not comprise a number of unrelated individual research projects.** The application must be accompanied by appraisals of the research programme by two referees. The Trust will not consider support for organised parties whose purpose is to prepare reports in fulfilment of the requirements of a recognised course or to enable undergraduates to undertake individual research projects that will subsequently be used for the preparation of dissertations as part of a degree examination.
4. To qualify for a grant, an expedition must be sponsored by, and given the name of, the appropriate Scottish University or combination of Universities, and must receive some material support in money or equipment therefrom. The Trust will give preference to expeditions that are multi-disciplinary; but this is not a requirement.
5. The expedition must be accompanied by at least one member of staff of the University/Universities concerned, or by someone whom the University and the Trust consider of comparable status, having regard to the nature of the expedition. The staff member or the acceptable substitute must be present with the Expedition throughout the period while it is in the field. **Where a substitute is proposed, the application must be accompanied by a statement from a senior member of staff confirming that the substitute is known to him/her is of an equivalent standing to a member of university staff.**
6. The Executive Committee regards **five as the minimum number of undergraduates** from the sponsoring Scottish University/Universities and will not normally consider applications from smaller expeditions.
7. The Trust will not normally defray more than **a third of** the total cost, and the maximum single award will be £2,000. **Students taking part in expeditions are expected to make some contribution to the cost thereof.**
8. Applicants are responsible for obtaining necessary visas to enter the country and/or government permission to conduct research, where this is required. They **must** also obtain adequate insurance and seek medical advice on any necessary precautions for visiting that country.
9. Applications, on a form obtainable from the Trust and accompanied by an expedition brochure where this has been produced, must reach the Trust by 15 January in any year.
10. It is a requirement that an expedition report be submitted to the Trust by 31st December in the year of award. Extracts of such reports may be used in the Trust's Annual Report.

The above Regulations do not apply to individual members of staff or graduates of a Scottish University who seek assistance for their personal researches as participants in other types of Expedition or field survey. In such cases application should be made in the ordinary way under the regulations governing the award of Carnegie Grants. The Trust does not support individual undergraduates

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