

A C IRVINE TRAVEL FUND (Registered Charity No. 309689)

This fund, established in memory of A. C. Irvine of Merton College, who lost his life during the 1924 Everest Expedition, is administered by a Committee of Trustees under the authority of the Charity Commissioners. Grants are made to assist junior members of the University to take holidays in the mountains either in Britain or abroad. Activities such as the following come within the scope of the Fund: mountaineering, exploration, hill walking and caving. Cycling and Orienteering holidays are not usually judged by the Trustees to be within the spirit of the Trust Deed, nor are commercial treks on recognised trekking routes.

To make an application, candidates are asked to provide the following in **hard copy** (printed paper copy) to Alicia Black, c/o Dr T. Povey, University College, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BH:

1. An application form, downloadable from this website.
2. A tutor approval form, which is the second page of the downloadable application form.
3. A detailed a plan of the proposed holiday, including breakdown of costs.

All application materials should be provided together, in a single bundle. Electronic applications are not accepted.

Notes on applications

The plan should be concise, well-prepared and well-thought-out. Applicants are advised to check maps, guidebooks and other sources before submitting applications. It may be useful to consult the Oxford Mountaineering Library, which is on level 5 of the Radcliffe Science Library. Applications will not be considered from expeditions or individuals whose serious aims would justify applications for the support of scientific or archaeological research. The Trustees may make small grants towards the cost of experiments in the techniques of mountaineering or exploration. Candidates who wish to take holidays together may make a joint application, but each candidate must fill in an individual application form and must obtain an individual recommendation letter (items 1 and 2 above). The decision to make a grant, and the amount awarded, will depend significantly on the type of holiday in the mountains, the quality of the written application, the case made for a grant, and on the overall cost. All applicants must plan to be available for interview on Saturday of 6th week of Trinity Term to present their holiday plans to the Trustees. Only rarely will grants be made without interview. Candidates will be e-mailed the previous Thursday to let them know whether or not they are being called for interview, and, if so, where and at what time it will take place. It is the responsibility of the candidate to make sure that they check their e-mail for this information. If the date for the interview clashes with a University Examination, this should be mentioned on the application, and the Trustees may allocate an alternative time. Successful candidates will be required to send short report of their holiday to Alicia Black, c/o Dr T. Povey, University College, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BH before 1st November in the Michaelmas Term following the holiday. The Trustees will not make a grant to any candidate whom they consider is planning an expedition which is beyond his/her competence. However, the planning and execution of any expedition and the avoidance of hazards on the expedition are the sole responsibility of the candidate and grants are only made on this condition.

Copies of the application form can be obtained from: <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~acirvine>.