

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.

Candidates are asked to complete an application form and to attach as detailed a plan of the proposed holiday as possible, together with an estimate of the cost. The plans 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 2 (Lankester Room) of the Radcliffe Science Library. Each candidate must arrange for a recommendation from his/her tutor or senior member of his/her College to be sent to the Secretary of the Fund. 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 application form and must obtain a recommendation as stated 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, although some grants may 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 must send a short report of their holiday to the Honorary Secretary 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 the website <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~acirvine>, or from Dr Tom Povey at the address below. Completed forms should be sent to Dr T. Povey, Secretary of the Irvine Travel Fund, University College, High Street, Oxford, OX1 4BH. The deadline for receipt of application is Thursday of 4th week of Trinity term. Applicants are recommended to keep a copy of these details for reference. Enquiries should be addressed to thomas.povey@eng.ox.ac.uk.