
GRIT&ROCK EXPEDITION AWARD

ENABLING FEMALE FIRST ASCENTS



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An annual international expedition grant award of £5,000 to promote female first ascents. The award is established by **GRIT&ROCK**, a UK-based charity dedicated to using mountaineering and outdoors to help young women build grit and resilience.

The aims of the **GRIT&ROCK Expedition Award** are to promote and encourage female participation in pioneering alpine ascents and to further the understanding and exploration of the unclimbed peaks. The Award is open to individuals and climbing teams with majority female participation and is meant to provide funding for those who need it most.

The application deadline is January 31, 2017



Eligibility

- Lead applicants must be female and the team should have majority female participation.
- The panel will give preference to those for whom the grant support will make a significant difference to the viability of their trip.
- Application projects should reflect the spirit of the Award - first ascents and innovative new routes. Expedition proposals relating to the previously climbed routes will not be considered.
- The team must demonstrate sufficient individual climbing standard to complete proposed route in a safe manner and remain self-sufficient through-out.
- It is expected that this grant will provide the majority of funding needed to undertake the project. Disbursal of the award is conditional on complete funding package being in place and climbing permits being in place.
- The award is for independent travel. Any journey joining a commercial expedition or pre-paid tour, including organised charity fundraising tours, will not be considered.
- GRIT&ROCK programs focus on inspiring young women to embrace outdoors as a way of building resilience and self-esteem. It is expected that the award recipients will tell the expedition story via social media outreach.

Application process

Applications should be submitted by email to award@gritandrock.com by January 31, 2017. This deadline will be strictly enforced.

Applications should contain the following information:

- Title and short abstract (max 100 words) with a proposed timeline of the ascent attempt.
- Detailed description of the proposed route with topographical maps and images.
- A budget, showing likely expenditure and sources of further funding, if required.
- A climbing plan with details of logistics necessary to accomplish the ascent (max 400 words).
- One page climbing CV for all team members involved in the expedition.

Selection Process

Applications will be assessed by an external panel of experts. From the proposals, up to three projects will be shortlisted and applicants should expect to be called for an interview conducted via Skype or in person.

Conditions

- It is expected that the expedition will be conducted in an ethical and responsible manner. The award is conditional on receiving appropriate permits, sound climbing plan and ethical considerations. Personal medical and evacuation insurance must be in place for all team members before departure.
- Within one month of completion of the expedition, you will be required to submit a report with high resolution images documenting your ascent. A full final report must be submitted electronically three months following the completion of the expedition.



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The final report must include a 250 word abstract, full description of the route with graphic map, three to five digital images that capture the spirit of the project and its results, a final budget, and a selection of the social media/media coverage.

- The award recipient will be asked to present a talk on the project work at the GRIT&ROCK school outreach program at a mutually convenient date with GRIT&ROCK covering expenses associated with travel.
- GRIT&ROCK Expedition Award support should be acknowledged in all publications and outputs. Copies of any such publications and outputs should be submitted to the GRIT&ROCK.
- Award details may be published on the GRIT&ROCK's website and used in promotional activity.
- Copyright in all text, images, film, audio and other outputs resulting from the award is to be held jointly by the recipient and GRIT&ROCK.
- GRIT&ROCK will offer support to the recipient in managing media outreach associated with the award.

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