
GRIT&ROCK EXPEDITION AWARD

ENABLING FEMALE FIRST ASCENTS

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GRIT&ROCK FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE 2020 GRIT&ROCK FIRST ASCENT GRANTS

In September 2016 GRIT&ROCK FOUNDATION, a UK-based charity, established an annual international expedition grant award to promote female first ascents. The aims of the **FIRST ASCENT EXPEDITION AWARD** are to 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 of any nationality with a majority female participation.

On March 6, 2020, the jury, consisting of Christian Trommsdorff, Lydia Bradey, Helias Millerioux, Masha Gordon and Victor Saunders, reviewed applications and chose the winners of the 2020 Award in three categories:



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PERFORMANCE

- Marina Popova, Nadya Oleneva and Maria Dupina for their project on the unclimbed 4818 peak in Kyrgystan (USD3,000)
- Chantel Astorga and Anne Gilbert Chase for their project in Alaska (USD1,500)
- Lindsey Hamm and Nicole Lawton for their project on an unclimbed peak in Zanskar Valley (USD1,500)

EXPLORATION

- Natalia Martinez and Camillo Rada for their exploration project in Southern Icefield of Patagonia (USD2,000)

APPRENTICESHIP

- Holly Rowland for a first ascent project on H-16 Peak in Haptal Valley in Nepal (USD2,000)

