

The Land Rover Bursary

● Loan of a new Land Rover Discovery and funding for a geographical journey

The Land Rover Bursary, run by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) on behalf of Jaguar Land Rover, provides funding of up to £30,000 and the loan of a vehicle to help the successful participants undertake a journey with a geographical purpose.

The loan vehicle is likely to be an [All-New Land Rover Discovery](#) and must be essential to the journey. Full use should be made of the vehicle's capabilities. The vehicle can be further modified by the Jaguar Land Rover SVO team, a specialist division responsible for creating a range of high performance production models for both Jaguar and Land Rover, to support your expedition needs. The recipient team will be expected to share their experiences by documenting the journey in engaging ways, including digital/web based media.

Applicants will need to demonstrate how the journey goes 'above and beyond' their usual experiences, limits or boundaries and how the journey will promote a wider understanding or enjoyment of geography.

Apply

To register your interest in the Land Rover Bursary, please contact grants@rgs.org

Eligibility

- Teams should comprise between 2 and 4 members
- All team members must be over the age of 18.
- Drivers must hold a clean driving licence that is valid in the UK, and must have three or more years' experience of driving and be eligible for the appropriate driving licence in all the countries they will be travelling through
- Applicants must demonstrate a clear desire to learn from and be able to document the geography of the people, places and environments encountered on the journey itself.

- The proposal must be a stand-alone project that does not require substantial additional funding/sponsorship (i.e. the bursary should cover a significant amount of the costs)
- The Land Rover Discovery must be an essential part of the project
- The journey may take place in either the UK or overseas; however, for journeys starting outside the UK, vehicle shipping costs must be accounted for where necessary
- Ideally, the journey should take place between the period **July and December**
- The recipients must demonstrate a commitment and an ability to document and communicate the journey from the field, in a way that enables others to share the experience through social media, photographs and other forms of digital and other media.
- Applicants are encouraged to become members or Fellows of the RGS-IBG, but this is not a prerequisite

Application Process

Applications must be submitted by email in PDF or MS Word format to the Grants Officer at the Society. Deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Applications must contain the following information:

- Title and short abstract (max 100 words)
- Name and full contact details (please include an email address)
- A description of the project (500 words) in which the following should be addressed:
 - How will the journey promote a wider understanding or enjoyment of geography?
 - Why is your journey worth making and what do you want others to learn from it?
 - For what reason(s) is this journey important to members of the team?
 - In what ways will you be going 'above and beyond' your usual experiences, limits or boundaries?



- Why is the vehicle an essential tool in making the journey?
- How would you use the capability of the new Discovery vehicle for this project?
- What special modifications will be needed to the vehicle?
- In what ways will you share your journey, both from the field, and on return; and how will you communicate and engage with specific audiences?
- An itinerary, including proposed start and end dates
- A map of your proposed route
- An itemised income and expenditure budget. To include all sources of funding, and costs such as fuel consumption, shipping and insurance. The budget should be accurate and realistic and should include contingencies.
- A risk assessment and safety management plan specific to the project and its participants. (max 300 words)
- Details of links with countries to be visited, including permissions and collaborations (max 250 words)
- A short biography or CV for each member and outline of their role stating any relevant previous experience or competencies.
- How you heard about the award.

Selection process

Up to five projects will be invited for interview. Interviews will be held at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in London. The teams must be able to attend these interviews in person.

Teams selected for interview will be required to develop a more complete proposal. More information may be requested after interview, and before a final decision is made.

Conditions of the Award

- A finite bursary of £15,000 is provided and in addition applicants can apply for a discretionary fund of up to £15,000 to support essential logistics, fuel, insurance, vehicle transportation and related costs, and to allow for the provision of communications from the field. The Bursary should be sufficient to fund the journey without additional sponsorship being sought. The Society will not fund projects that take place in countries or within an area where the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) advises against all travel. The RGS-IBG requires that the projects it funds be conducted in an ethical, safe and responsible manner. Full

details of the Society's code of practice for the grants programme can be found at

www.rgs.org/grants-ethics

- Safety is paramount. Applicants must demonstrate that they have given serious consideration to this aspect, particularly if the journey is in a remote area.
- Jaguar Land Rover will help to arrange any legally required Third Party/motor liability insurance cover for the loan vehicle.
- Land Rover have no responsibility for any personal, medical or benefit cover or non-automobile liability insurances which remain at all times the responsibility of the Bursary recipients.
- Driver Training will be provided and is compulsory for all drivers of the loan vehicle.
- Any vehicle modifications, equipment or additional training will be provided at the discretion of Land Rover
- The Bursary recipients are required to agree a media plan with the RGS-IBG and Land Rover before the start of the project. When appropriate, media training will be provided.
- The Bursary recipients will be expected to provide regular updates from the field for web-based media. At a minimum this will include images and text.
- The Bursary recipients may be asked to contribute to RGS-IBG's work, for example a lecture at the RGS-IBG at a mutually convenient date or by contributing materials to educational online resources.

Copyright

- Copyright in all text, images, film, audio and other outputs resulting from the bursary is to be held jointly by the recipient and the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).
- The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) will offer support to the winner in managing IPR associated with the Bursary.
- The recipients shall not be entitled to use the Land Rover or the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) trademarks or logos without prior written agreement by either or both parties.

Contact/ Applications

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Applicants may only have one Society grant application pending at any one time. For more information, please read our Frequently Asked Questions, www.rgs.org/grantfaq.