

Chris Vale'18 Expedition Fund

This fund is named in memory of Chris Vale, who epitomized turning outdoor fantasies into realities through his adventurous spirit, passion, and drive

Purpose:

This grant is established as an investment in the explorative and expeditionary efforts of the DOC. It is intended to encourage students to:

- Plan outdoor adventures that develop students initiative, integrity, tolerance, self-reliance, and leadership in accordance with the DOC's Mission Statement
- Encourage trips that are long, difficult to execute, and unique
- Return from the trip, and share with the community in a meaningful way that inspires fellow students to explore, adventure, and dream

Funding:

Funding will total no more than \$5000, and will only be awarded to a single group. It may not be split up. Any funds not used will be re-invested into its sources.

Guidelines:

1. The trip should emphasize time spent outdoors, and removed from the comforts of modern society
2. Preference is given to trips that strive to explore remote, undeveloped areas. Trips that involve following popular routes (like the AT) or that involve trekking between huts are not as desirable as trips that are exploratory in nature
3. Applicants must be able to prove the feasibility of their trip, as well as describe in detail a time-plan for the remaining planning steps that need to take place.
4. Trips must take place by the 5th term after proposal acceptance
5. Trips should require backcountry living skills, and can require technical skills, but should not be overly exclusionary because of technical skills required
6. Applicants must be a leader, or on track to becoming a leader before the trip, in the sub-club that is most applicable to their trip, and preference will be given to leaders that have been active in their clubs
7. A risk management committee will review trips. Trips should be reasonable based on the skill level of the leaders and participants.

Examples of trips we would be interested in funding:

1. A group of 10 students paddling canoes for 35 days down the Mackenzie River to its confluence with the Arctic Ocean.
2. A group of 6 climbers make various summit attempts on the glaciated volcanoes of the Andes
3. 10 hikers embark on a backpacking trip in the Northwest Territories of Canada

4. Backpacking across part of Ellesmere Island in Canada
5. Etc...

Examples of trips that we would be less interested in funding:

1. Hiking the John Muir Trail (not exploratory enough)
2. A 2 week trip in the alps consisting of day-hikes, with lodging based out of a bed and breakfast

DOC Expedition Grant Application:

1. Summary

General overview of your trip, When will it start and end? Where will it be? What kind of stuff will you be doing?

2. Purpose

What are the goals of the trip? What makes this trip special? Why do you want to lead this trip?

3. People

How many people do you want to be on your trip? What skills/experience will participants need? How will you find participants? Provide a bio for you/any co-leaders here.

4. Itinerary

Provide an itinerary planned to the best of your ability. Indicate parts of your itinerary that are still undecided/need further work.

5. Budget

Provide an itemized budget, with estimates if prices are uncertain (plane prices, gas prices, etc)

6. Transportation

How will you get to where your trip starts? How will you get back after the trip? What are all of the options for getting there and back?

7. Logistics

What permits will you need? How will you obtain the necessary permits/will there be uncertainties in obtaining any of the permits? How will you carry/supply yourself with food/gear? What gear do you need to transport?

8. Risk Management

Please list the steps you have taken to ensure safety on this trip. This should include:

1. *List of medical qualifications of leaders and participants*
2. *Specific list of safety equipment that will be taken*
3. *Explanation of the various risk factors and how you will avoid them*
4. *List of nearby hospitals, quality of local medical care, and access by emergency services to where you will be.*

9. Timeline for planning process

What parts of your planning process still need to be completed? What is your timeline for completing these steps? What obstacles do you foresee in sticking to this timeline?