

Grant Programme

Guidance for Applicants and Application Form

Peter Alan Dickson Foundation

The Peter Alan Dickson Foundation is dedicated to increasing educational opportunities for those who either through poverty or other circumstance are not able to fully take advantage of educational opportunities.

The Foundation is also dedicated to providing support to those in society who have been affected by disasters.

We channel our funding through three routes.

Education

Our Education Fund distributes funds to individuals, specifically but not exclusively in the developing world, who either through poverty or other circumstance would find it impossible to participate in educational activities that provide opportunities to develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

Youth

To provide support to individuals or charities that are working to improve communities through the provision of positive activities to engage youth and demonstrate positive routes to fulfil their life potential.

Disaster

Our Disaster Fund distributes funding to individuals, families and charitable organisations in the developing world where a disaster has occurred or who have been affected by disasters and who either through poverty or lack of other resources need support to overcome the terrible circumstances that have affected their lives

Applying for funds

All Funds

All Applicants should

1. Read through the guidance notes, paying careful attention to the criteria
2. If you think your activities will attract funding from the Foundation, go through the self-assessment checklist for eligibility
3. If you can answer 'yes' to each of the self-assessment checklist questions, complete and submit your application

Step 1

Guidance notes

Grants are made by the Peter Alan Dickson Foundation to educate and build lives.

Peter Alan Dickson Foundation Grant Making Priorities

Grants from the Peter Alan Dickson Foundation are made to individuals, families, charities and other organisations that meet the criteria of:

- Individuals & Families who need support with tuition fees or other expenses in respect of the participation in educational programmes.
- Charities and other Not-for-profit organisations who deliver educational support programmes to students
- Individuals, families, communities and charitable organisations for the relief of suffering or the provision of support to overcome disasters.
- Individuals, community organisations and charities who are providing life skill support to young people to develop their potential and enhance their life chances

For Charities and other Not-for-profit organisations:

We can only fund work that is legally charitable. You do not have to be a registered charity to apply but your constitution must allow you to carry out the work you seek funding.

What type of funding do we offer?

Grant Funding

We are happy to consider requests to fund individual and/or family expenses, and organisations programme/project costs.

The aim is to give grants where the Peter Alan Dickson Foundation has assessed that a small amount of investment in the relief of an individual or families circumstance, or where a small investment in an organisation's programmes or project will make a significant difference to the lives of individuals in need of relief.

The Foundation is currently giving out small grants of £250-£1000.

How will we evaluate your application?

We anticipate receiving many more applications than we can support. Therefore we have to be selective.

As part of our selection process, we look to support those in most need or work that has the best chance of achieving its objectives.

Every application for support is different and we will examine each according to the likelihood of it making a difference. Depending on the nature of your application, these are some of the criteria we will apply:

Education: The Peter Alan Dickson Foundation will give preference to applications from individuals, families and other charitable organisations seeking support in the areas of marine biology, the food and beverage industry and organisations working with young people to improve their life chances, however all applications including those outside of the above areas will be given full consideration.

Geography: The Peter Alan Dickson Foundation will fund projects across the globe but will give high priority to educational projects for individuals, communities and charities in the developing world and within the UK those projects that enhance the life chances of young people.

Individuals and Families

- How strong is your case for support and will our support alleviate poverty

Charitable Organisations

- How strong are your ideas and how well equipped are your people to carry them out
- How well do you understand the issues you are addressing and what is your track record
- Do you have a clear plan or idea and the capacity to deliver it
- What difference would help from us make to your work
- Would receiving our support make you more likely to attract help from others

Exclusions: what we will not fund

Applications are open from all individuals contemplating educational programmes and who are seeking support to alleviate poverty.

Organisations

These are types of work or organisations that the Peter Alan Dickson Foundation does not support.

Outside the remit of funding, no matter how worthwhile is:

- Support for a general appeal or circular
- The promotion of religion – please note we will not make grants which promote a particular religious belief but will consider applications from faith-based organisations where the work is not for religious purposes and clearly fits our funding guidelines
- Work that is routine or well-proven elsewhere or with a low impact.
- Work that is primarily the responsibility of central, local or national government.
- Our general preference is to fund independent voluntary organisations and individuals but not to replace or subsidise statutory funding.
- Projects that primarily benefit the independent education sector
- Individual energy efficiency or waste reduction schemes, such as recycling, composting, or renewable energy schemes. We will only consider this work if the social benefits are exceptionally strong or there is something groundbreaking about what is proposed
- Retrospective funding meaning support for work that has already taken place.
- Any project which promotes a political party

How are decisions made?

The decision on whether to award a grant is made by the Trustees who meet quarterly or in special circumstances by the convening of Trustees at a special meeting.

Obligations

Terms and conditions of the grant will be agreed at the time the grant is awarded. The Peter Alan Dickson Foundation will ask funded individuals and projects to report back with a six month brief update and a 12 month report on how the funds have been spent and if appropriate what has been achieved.

Step 2

Self assessment checklist

If, having read through the guidance notes, you or your organisation might qualify for funding from the Peter Alan Dickson Foundation, please complete this checklist for your own benefit. Only if you can put a tick in each of the boxes should you submit an application to us.

- I have read and understood the information about Peter Alan Dickson Foundation Funds
- The item for funding does not appear on the list of exclusions
- The grant will enable me or my family to participate more fully in society

If, having read through the guidance notes, your organisation might qualify for funding from the Peter Alan Dickson Foundation, please complete this checklist for your own benefit. Only if you can put a tick in each of the boxes should you go submit an application to us

- I have read and understood the information about Peter Alan Dickson Foundation Funds
- If I am applying on behalf of an organisation I am a registered charity or not-for-profit organisations
- If I am applying on behalf of an organisation the organisation has a constitution that allows it to carry out the work I am going to propose for Fund support
- If I am applying on behalf of an organisation the purpose of the work I am proposing is legally charitable
- The item for funding does not appear on the list of exclusions
- The grant will enable people who are disadvantaged to participate more fully in society
- The work I am proposing is in line with what the Peter Alan Dickson Foundation is interested in

Step 3

Application Form

Please fill in the below details, paying special attention to the guidance notes above, and return the completed form to:

Conchita Garcia, The Peter Alan Dickson Foundation, c/o The FSI, Ingestre Court, Ingestre Place, London, W1F 0JL

Please note that the PAD Foundation gives out small grants of £250-£1000.

Organisation Name:
Key Contact:
Address:
Telephone number:
Email address (required, since this will be our main way of contacting you, preferably for your organisation rather than a home email address):
Website address:
Registered Charity number (if applicable):
The Peter Alan Dickson Foundation channels its funding through three routes, please circle the route applicable to your project Education Youth Disaster
Does your project fit the Peter Alan Dickson Foundations preference areas (listed in the guidance notes) Please state area (e.g. Marine biology):

Brief summary on your organisation's activities, if appropriate (no more than 250 words)

Project proposal summary (no more than 300 words – relevant additional materials may be enclosed up to a maximum of two sides of A4):

Project timeline/duration:

Impact of Project (no more than 300 words):

Amount requested:

£

Full Budget:

Contact signature (please type if e-mail application – by signing you confirm you have the authority to make this application on behalf of your organisation):

If you have any questions about the application process or would like to submit the form online, please email conchita@thefsi.org