

THE SHACKLETON FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP AWARD APPLICATION FORM

If you wish to apply for a Shackleton Leadership Award then please read the following information below before completing the application form. *(We have highlighted in bold aspects of the Foundation we consider to be of particular importance when assessing every application).*

About Us

The Shackleton Foundation was set up in 2007 by the descendants of Ernest Shackleton and members of his crew who wish to ensure that his name lives on as a synonym for courage, bravery and most of all leadership.

Our mission is to support individuals of all ages, nationalities and backgrounds who exemplify the spirit of Ernest Shackleton; inspirational leaders wishing “to make a difference” in particular to the less advantaged.

Shackleton’s era of heroic exploration is long gone. However, the Foundation believes that innumerable and significant challenges still exist **where the rallying power and indomitable spirit of Shackleton is needed in order to make a tangible contribution to the greater good.**

Shackleton Foundation Leadership Awards

2008 was the inaugural year of the Shackleton Leadership Awards. The scheme has been established to enable the Shackleton Foundation to make awards of up to £10,000.

Successful applicants will be those individuals who in the opinion of the Trustees most exemplify the spirit of Ernest Shackleton. Whilst we support projects both within and outside the physical arena, it is evidence of Shackleton’s spirit that we seek.

Thomas Pynchon wrote that “everyone has an Antarctic”. The Foundation exists to support and encourage people who have identified their “Antarctic” but need support in crossing it, **particularly when the applicant’s chosen project can be shown to directly benefit the less advantaged.**

We believe that singular contributions to the public good can act as beacons of inspiration, and we wish to support these individuals in their endeavors.

The Application Process

In order to be successful your application will go through a three stage process. After each stage we will be in touch to let you know how your application is progressing.

Stage One: An initial review of all applications will be undertaken by the members of the committee on stand alone basis. Each application will be assessed according to the Foundation’s stated objectives. If your application is approved by a majority it will progress to the next stage.

Stage Two: Each application will be discussed in open forum. This enables all committee members to input their views on the suitability of your application for a Shackleton Leadership Award.

Stage Three: Finally we ask those applicants who reach this stage to make a twenty minute presentation to the committee on their Antarctic, and in particular how the award will be utilised. This gives us the opportunity to meet you, hear your enthusiasm for your project, and of course ask any further questions we might have.

We will inform you of the committee’s final decision in a few days following the presentation.

Help and Advice

If your application has reached stage three it means that a committee member has agreed to support you directly in the final stage of your application. He or She will be in touch to offer advice on how to prepare your presentation, and to act as a point of contact between you and the committee. This person will be responsible for handling any initial questions the committee might have and will feed your responses back to them. They will also be verifying any information you have given us and contacting your referees. They have the authority to call off the application prior to the presentation if they have good cause to do so. Should you be successfully granted a Shackleton Leadership Award your nominated committee member will be responsible for ensuring the money is spent as planned, as well as monitoring the overall success of the award. It is important to highlight that the primary purpose of this relationship is to assist and guide the applicant to as successful a conclusion as possible.

Timetable

Shackleton Leadership Awards are granted four times year. There is a cut off date by which your application form must be completed in order to be considered before the next “award date”. In all, the process from application to final approval will take just over four months.

Application closing date	Shackleton Leadership Award
1 st December	Mid to late April (following year)
1 st March	Mid to late July
1 st June	Mid to late November
1 st October	Mid to late January

Application Form

Please ensure that the application form is completed in full and returned by the closest application closing date. We look forward to reading your application with interest.

You should send your completed application form to:

Joanna Worsley
Administrator (SFLA)
The Shackleton Foundation
c/o 52 Mount Street
London
W1K 2SF

Completed application forms can also be emailed to applications@shackletonfoundation.org

Full Name (Please underline your surname):

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Home:

Work:

Mobile:

Email:

Please explain how you heard about the Shackleton Foundation?

Why do you merit receiving a Shackleton Leadership Award? Answer against the bullet points below

1.

2.

3.

4.

Please write a short paragraph giving details of the project for which you are seeking funding.

Overall how much funding does the project require?

When was the project launched, and how far advanced is the project currently?

Do you have any current financial backers, and if yes, give details of funding already raised?

Are you looking anywhere else for financial backing? If so please provide brief details.

Would you describe yourself as the leader of this project?

How would you describe your leadership skills?

How will you judge the success of your project?

If successful in your application, how would and could you help promote the Shackleton Foundation?

Please provide the details of two referees.

Referee One

Name:

Telephone number:

e mail address:

How are you connected to this person?

Referee Two

Name:

Telephone number:

e mail address:

How are you connected to this person?

Please provide any additional information in support of your application?