



ROC Adventure Fund Overview

The ROC Adventure Fund (AF) is an initiative used to support and encourage outdoor adventure amongst club members by providing funding to assist trips, expeditions and training.

This fund carries on the spirit of the Nicola Andrews Adventure Fund (NAAF) which was initially created in memory of Nicola Andrews who pioneered some more advanced trips in the club including ridge hikes in Tasmania and New Zealand. Though NAAF has officially wrapped up as of 2022, we hope the ROC Adventure Fund can continue to encourage and allow people to enjoy the outdoors as Nicola did.

How will the ROC Adventure Fund be run?

- The ROC AF committee will be formed of ROC general committee members and overseen by the ROC executive committee.
- The ROC AF committee will review submissions aided by the use of a matrix that assesses factors including the likelihood of trip success and the inclusion of adventure (see assessment tool and application form).
- The ROC AF committee will have the discretionary ability to approve applications and decide grant amounts.

How often will the fund be awarded?

- 2 categories of grants are offered in alternating years:
- Student Grant: Applications open to ROC members who are also current local students for a grant of \$500-750 to use in the next 12 months to explore Australia and its outdoors.
- Open Grant: Applications open for all ROC members for a grant of \$500-\$2500 to use in the next 18 months on a larger-scale adventure in Australia or abroad.
- If there is a lack of suitable applications, a grant does not have to be awarded every year and funding remains until the next round of applications.
- If an application is deemed to be particularly deserving then the AF committee may decide to approve some additional funds, or to approve the same funding for multiple successful applicants.

How will people apply?

- First-round applications: ~500 words broadly outlining the trip plan, why they are interested in this trip and how much money they would ideally need to support the success of the trip.
- After review by the ROC AF committee using a matrix, shortlisted applicants will be notified and be required to submit a second-round application
- Second-round applications: More detailed submission outlining criteria guidelines and information about the trip including budget, locations, travel, number of participants and their relevant experience, training completed/needed, etc.
- The ROC AF committee will review these applications using a matrix and decide which application/s will be awarded and how much to award each applicant.
- Each year, the time to submit first-round applications will be published on the website and advertised on social media, with an approximate two month window to submit. Once shortlisted applicants have been notified, there will be an approximate two month window to submit the second round documentation.

How many successful applications per year?

- At the AF committee's discretion and based on the fund's financial health, a maximum of 2-3 applications will be approved each year according to the type of grant (as listed above) being offered. Note that multiple people can be included in a single application (ie. group trip).
- Total grant money may be split between multiple successful applications, and each application may receive a different amount based on what is requested.

Criteria for applying

- Current paid active ROC member, having been on at least one trip in the previous 12 months (does not include social trips, training or skill events)
- Have not previously been awarded this fund
- Over 18 years old
- Not a commercial trip (eg. guided tours). Note this does not exclude trips where a guide may be necessary– this is actively encouraged on trips where this improves the safety and success of the trip.
- Individuals may submit one application per year, either as part of a group or alone.

Conditions for successful applicants

- Successful applicants of the grant will be required to provide both a written account and multimedia (video and photos) of the trip. This will be required whether or not the trip is successful.
- Provide an in-person or video presentation of the trip at an end-of-year event
- If possible, ongoing updates during the trip via social media or other means
- Provide a record of accounting for expenditures
- Provide media to ROC and RMIT Sport for personal/promotional use