

Dr. Julia McLean Grant Fund - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

The grant is open to:

Volunteers with the Jubilee Hope Medical Programme (Tanzania)

- Final year medical students
- Final year nursing students
- Final year midwifery students
- Qualified nurses
- Qualified midwives

Volunteers with the Amazon Hope Medical Programme (Peru)

- Final year dental students

Applicants must already have applied for a Jubilee Hope or Amazon Hope Medical Expedition via the Vine Trust website. You do not need to have paid the trip deposit at the time of your grant application, but all other details of the expedition application must have been completed.

Applications are welcome from volunteers from any country. However, grant applicants from Tanzania or Peru should contact the Vine Trust office (health@vinetrust.org) for more information.

2. How do I apply for a Jubilee Hope or Amazon Hope Medical Expedition?

To be eligible you must first apply for a Medical Expedition via the Vine Trust website - www.vinetrust.org/trips

Once your expedition application is submitted, you will be assigned a Personal Trip ID, which is required when completing your grant application.

The total cost of a Jubilee Hope Expedition (excluding international flights to Mwanza) in 2026 is £1600.

The total cost of an Amazon Hope Expeditions (excluding international flights to Lima) in 2026 is £1810.

3. How many grants are available?

A total of 8 grants are available for expeditions taking place in 2026.

4. I have applied for an Amazon Hope Expedition to Peru. Can I also apply for a grant?

Currently we are only receiving applications for grant funding from final year dental students on Amazon Hope expeditions in Peru.

5. How much financial assistance is provided?

Successful applicants will receive £500 towards their expedition costs. This amount will be credited directly to the expedition account balance by Vine Trust and will not be issued as cash or via bank transfer.

Please note that the £500 will be credited towards in-country costs as part of your standard Vine Trust expedition e.g. accommodation in Mwanza/Lima/Iquitos, meals, transport, insurance etc.

The grant funds cannot be credited towards your expedition deposit or the donation to the running costs of the programme, both of which are elements of all Amazon or Jubilee Hope Medical expeditions. Furthermore, it cannot be credited toward any additional costs which you may incur outwith the standard Vine Trust expedition costs e.g. international flights, additional accommodation in Mwanza, vaccinations, visa fees, tourist activities.

6. How can I apply for a grant?

To apply, complete the grant application form, which can be accessed here: [Application Form](#)

You will need your Personal Trip ID, which is provided upon completion of the online expedition application on the Vine Trust website.

Submit the completed form along with any required supporting documents to health@vinetrust.org

7. What is the deadline for submitting applications?

Expeditions taking place between 01 January and 31 May 2026:

- Closing date 30th November 2025

Expeditions taking place between 01 June 2026 and 31 December 2026

- First round of applicants - submission closing date 31st January 2026
- Second round of applicants - submission closing date 30th April 2026

8. What supporting documents are required for the application?

In addition to the grant application form, students will be required to provide a letter from their University confirming their year of study and a contact person at their University.

For qualified health professionals, details of your current registration with the NMC or equivalent will be provided during the expedition application process.

9. Can I apply for a grant for expeditions taking place in 2027?

Information about grants for 2027 expeditions will be announced later. To stay updated, follow Vine Trust on social media or contact health@vinetrust.org to be added to the mailing list for 2027 grant announcements.

10. What happens if I miss the application deadline?

If you miss the deadline, you will not be eligible for a grant in 2026. However, you may apply for future grant opportunities, including those for 2027 when the details become available.

11. How are successful applicants selected?

The allocation of the grants will be made by the Grant Fund Committee which consists of members of the McLean family and from the Vine Trust Medical Committee. Due to limited funding, not all applicants may receive a grant. There will be no option to appeal the Committee's decisions.

12. When will I find out if I have been awarded a grant?

You will be notified within 4 weeks after the application deadline if your grant application is successful. Notification will be sent to the email address provided on your application.

13. Is there a requirement to report on my experience?

Yes, all grant recipients are required to submit a written report detailing their experience after completing the expedition. The report (between 400-500 words) should cover the impact the experience had on you both professionally and personally, and be submitted to Vine Trust no later than 8 weeks after the expedition has been completed.

14. Can I receive other funding alongside the Dr. Julia McLean Grant?

Yes, you are welcome to secure additional funding from other sources. However, the Dr. Julia McLean Grant will be credited directly to your Vine Trust expedition account and cannot be transferred elsewhere.

15. Are there any general recommendations for completing the application?

The grant selection committee look most favourably upon applicants who use their own words to reflect on their unique perspective, rather than those who provide more general answers. Feedback to Vine Trust from the selection committee has indicated that they want to hear your personal views about what the trip, and the opportunity to receive funding, means to you.

16. Where can I get more information?

For additional information or any questions regarding the grant or application process, please contact health@vinetrust.org