

# TAA Award Fund



- **Are you looking for work experience in a developing country?**
- **Do you need help with funding?**
- **Are you a UK citizen, under 30 years of age and a graduate/diplomate?**
- **Can your expertise contribute to rural development in developing countries?**



If you have answered yes to the above and are planning on a project of at least 6 months, or completing an assignment as part of an academic award, then the TAA Award fund can help you.



## What is the fund?

The Fund supports rural development in developing countries by assisting young British nationals to gain overseas experience in any relevant discipline.

## How much can you be funded for?

Up to a maximum of £2000

## What will it pay for?

Travel and subsistence

## Is other support offered?

Yes. Although candidates normally find their own projects, the TAA Award Fund will post suitable projects on the website and respond to enquiries wherever possible. A mentor will be appointed from within the Committee who will have country and or sector knowledge. The mentor will assist the awardee in fulfilling the project objectives and may offer subsequent support in furthering his/her career.



## Are there other criteria and how are applications processed?

Projects must contribute to the awardees' professional development and the development of the host community. The TAA Award Fund also funds the overseas element of research projects, but it will not fund degrees or other qualifications per se.

A committee (with membership representing government, aid agencies, industry and higher education) assesses applications. Consideration is given to the merits of the project and to the likely benefit to the country concerned, as well as to the individual's interest in development in the long term.

## Where do the funds come from?

The Award Fund was formed in 1989 and is funded by members of the TAA (a professional association of people with expertise in rural development in developing countries), as well as commercial companies and charitable organisations. Since its formation at least 10 awardees per year have been sponsored for projects in developing countries. These awardees have gone on to careers in development, consultancy, aid agencies, universities and commercial companies.



## Where can I get more information or an application form?

Visit [www.taa.org.uk](http://www.taa.org.uk) and go to the Award Fund section or email

Chairman: Antony Ellman at [taa\\_award\\_fund@taa.org.uk](mailto:taa_award_fund@taa.org.uk)  
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Please note it is essential that you apply prior to the commencement of your project.

“My experience gained in Kenya was valuable in obtaining my post in the Ghana Association for the Conservation of Nature.”

"I am indebted to TAAF for enabling me to work in India giving me an invaluable opportunity to work within sustainable agricultural development and further skills both professional and personal. It has been a rite of passage and an inspiration for me."

“My experience in a college in Venezuela helped me gain employment with Action Aid where I became Head of Policy. I am now with the Department for International Development in London.”



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