



## **Application for the WMS Humanitarian Aid Grant**

*The Wilderness Medical Society (WMS) is keenly interested in fostering awareness and appreciation among healthcare professionals and scientists for the research of health-related concerns in outdoor and wilderness activities. The Humanitarian Aid Grant was developed in response to the 2010 Haitian earthquake in an attempt to support WMS members involved in humanitarian and disaster response efforts. However, Humanitarian Research Aid Grant applications will be considered for projects worldwide, regardless of country.*

**Criteria:** The successful applicant will submit a project proposal likely to result in a substantive contribution to the field of international, humanitarian, or disaster medicine. The successful applicant will be expected to conduct a well-defined project during the ensuing year and present an abstract of his/her findings at a WMS Annual Meeting.

A wide variety of research projects are acceptable for submission, including clinical investigation, epidemiological surveys, development of new techniques or novel application of existing techniques, improvements in equipment design or use, public health and information, disease tracking, use of GIS and new technology in humanitarian response, and injury prevention. Projects may be part of existing research programs, but should be easily distinguishable as a separate component. It is expected that projects will result in an article for publication in the peer-reviewed medical literature.

WMS Research Awards are not subject to institutional indirect costs. The Humanitarian Aid Grant is available to WMS members only.

**Application:** Please submit the proposal, according to the required format, electronically to Chris Tedeschi ([ct2122@columbia.edu](mailto:ct2122@columbia.edu)) and Jonna Barry ([Jonna@wms.org](mailto:Jonna@wms.org)) by **March 1, 2012**. Applicants will be notified by **May 1, 2012**.

**Budget:** WMS Research Grant funding is available for materials, supplies, non-capital equipment (less than \$500), related to the project. Expenses for travel to the WMS Annual Meeting will be provided to the winner in order to present findings of their project and should not be included in the budget. The amount of funding is up to \$2,000 (in US Dollars) for the **Humanitarian Aid Grant**.

**Letter of Support:** Not required for the humanitarian grant, but if appropriate for the proposed project, letters of support from collaborators, institutions where the research is to be performed, or co-sponsoring funding agencies are encouraged.

The WMS research grant program is dependent on the generous donations of WMS members. Please take a moment to make a donation. Thank you.

**Application Form**  
**Wilderness Medical Society Humanitarian Aid Award**

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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A. Summary description of the project (not to exceed 5 pages, using 8 ½ x 11-in. page, 1-in. margins, 12 pt. Times Roman font), including

1. Introduction
2. Background
3. Hypothesis
4. Method and Design
5. Data Analysis
6. Time Frame
7. Facilities

B. Significance of the project to the field of humanitarian or disaster medicine *as well as wilderness medicine* (not to exceed one paragraph).

C. Detailed budget (refer to grant application information), in US dollars.

D. Letters of support if available.

E. Research proposals involving human subjects must include a plan for obtaining approval for the study from the appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB) for research involving human subjects. Funding for research involving human subjects will not be released by the Wilderness Medical Society until a copy of the final IRB approval is received.

F. Please include a Curriculum Vitae

G. Electronic submissions only (Word doc or PDF).

Send proposals or questions to:

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