

2018 UIAA Mountain Protection Award

Criteria for eligibility

ELIGIBILITY

1. The Applicant:

- 1.1 New applicants - Applicants can be individuals or groups who identify themselves as:
- 1..1. A federation and/or individual alpine club (must be members of the UIAA)
 - 1..2. A for-profit business (tour operators, expedition agencies, etc.)
 - 1..3. A not-for profit/non-governmental organisation or volunteer community group

- 1.2 Previous applicants - Previous applicants to the UIAA MPA are welcomed to re-apply with either:
- 1.2.1 An entirely new project; or
 - 1.2.2 A project that was previously submitted as a 'concept or idea' and that is now a fully-fledged project under implementation.

2. The project

- 2.1 The project must be involved in at least one of the following UIAA MPA categories:

1. · Conservation of biodiversity, including flora and fauna
2. · Sustainable resource management, such as energy or water
3. · Sustainable waste management and disposal
4. · Climate change adaptation and mitigation
5. · Culture, local traditions and education

- 2.2 In case of multiple projects per applicant, only one project per applicant per year can be accepted for submission and review into the UIAA MPA in any given year.

ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND PRIZE ALLOCATION PROCESS

1. Each application received is first checked by the UIAA Office for eligibility and completeness (i.e. all required and complete information is submitted). Incomplete applications will not be processed for review
2. Applications that pass eligibility and completeness are then forwarded to the [assessment team](#) for review.
3. Each project is reviewed by the assessment team following these criteria:
 - *Project contributes to mountain protection and the sustainability of mountaineering and mountain-based sports*
 - *Addresses at least one of the five UIAA MPA categories for mountain protection*
 - *Demonstrates how the projects goals are to be achieved (implementation)*
 - *Clearly outlines expected outcomes and positive impacts for mountain protection*
 - *It outlines a project plan and budget, including funding sources*
 - *It provides verifiable supporting evidence and referees*
 - *A complete application, addressing all requirements, is submitted (checked on submission by UIAA Office).*

A score, allocated by the assessment team, determines the extent to which each project fulfils the criteria listed.

4. Each project submission is reviewed by a member of the [UIAA Mountain Protection Commission](#) and one [external expert](#). In case reviews are not consistent or no consensus is reached as to eligibility for the UIAA Prize, a third review is requested from the assessment team.
5. Projects that fulfil all eligibility criteria and are reviewed favourably by the assessment team, are then showcased in the [UIAA MPA platform](#) and received the UIAA MPA logo for the corresponding year for the project's use and promotion.
6. Projects that are eligible for the UIAA MPA prize are then ranked according to the review score given by the assessment team. The highest scored project is awarded the UIAA MPA Prize.
7. In case there are more than one project with the same highest score, the assessment team deliberates on the winner based on merit and recommendations are given to the UIAA MP Commission. A final decision is made by the UIAA MP Commission.
8. The winner of the UIAA MPA prize is given a cash prize of 5,000 USD, a UIAA MPA winner trophy a winner UIAA MPA gold logo and a certificate of recognition.
9. The second highest scored project is awarded the 'Runner up' category, UIAA MPA silver logo, and a certificate of recognition.

Key dates for UIAA MPA 2018:

- Online applications opens March 24 2018 at: <http://theuiaa.org/mountain-protection-award>
- Applications close midnight (CET) May 31 2018
- The UIAA MPA Assessment team concludes review of submitted projects, and all eligible projects begin to be showcased on the UIAA MPA platform as 31 July 2018.
- Winner announcement: The winner of the UIAA MPA Prize will be contacted in August 2018 and publicly announced at the UIAA General Assembly on 6 October 2018.