

UIAA MOUNTAIN PROTECTION AWARD

2019 APPLICATION PROCESS

This document summarizes the process as well as all criteria for eligibility to submit a UIAA Mountain Protection Award (MPA) project and potentially become the winner of this year's prize, consisting of a USD 5,000 cash contribution, a certificate of recognition and communication on all UIAA platforms.

1. WHO CAN APPLY?

An applicant can be an individual or a group who identifies as one of the following:

- An association and/or alpine club (member of the UIAA);
- A for-profit business (e.g. tour operators, expedition agencies, etc.);
- A not-for profit/non-governmental organisation or volunteer community group.

For applicants who are not an association or alpine club that is a member of the UIAA, a letter of support for the project from the UIAA member federation in the country(ies) where the project is to take place must be submitted with the application.

Each applicant can only submit one (1) project per year.

1.1 NEW APPLICANTS

New applicants must meet the general profile as stated above.

1.2 PREVIOUS APPLICANTS

Previous applicants also must meet the general profile as stated above and are welcomed to re-apply with either:

- An entirely new project; or
- A project that was previously submitted as a 'concept or idea' and that is now a fully-fledged project under implementation.

Previous prize winners of the Mountain Protection Award cannot re-apply with the same project.

2. PROJECTS

Each submitted project must be involved in at least one of the following UIAA MPA categories:

- Conservation of biodiversity, including flora and fauna;
- Sustainable resource management, such as energy or water;
- Sustainable waste management and disposal;
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation; or
- Culture, local traditions and education.

Furthermore, projects are assessed according to their stage of development. A project can fall under one of the following stages:

- A concept or idea;
- An ongoing project (under implementation);
- A finalized project, realised in the current or past calendar year.

While all projects, regardless of their development stage, will be reviewed by the assessment team, only on-going and finalized projects are eligible to win the MPA prize.

3. ASSESSMENT

3.1 ASSESSMENT TEAM

The assessment team consists of UIAA Mountain Protection Commission members and external experts. Each project is reviewed by two members of the assessment team: a UIAA Mountain Protection Commission member (Assessor A) and an external expert (Assessor B).

3.2 PROCESS

First, each submitted application is checked by the UIAA Office for completeness. Incomplete applications will not be processed for review. Validated projects are then forwarded to the assessment team for review.

Each project is reviewed and scored by two members of the assessment team, as defined above, for each of the following criteria:

- addresses at least one of the five UIAA MPA categories (yes/no)
- has a climbing, mountaineering or outdoor sport focus (yes/no)
- contributes to mountain protection and its people (score)
- clearly demonstrates the vision and project goals (score)
- clearly outlines expected implementation and outcomes (score)
- clearly outlines human and financial resources, including sourcing and allocation (score)
- provides verifiable supporting evidence and referees (score)

Scores for each individual category can vary from zero (0) to five (5). The criteria scale marking is as follows:

- 0 = no evidence of involvement/effort
- 1 = not sufficient information or enough details to make a judgement

- 2 = sufficient information provided, but only partially meets the criteria
- 3 = good information provided and generally meets the criteria
- 4 = very good information and details provided and fully meets the criteria
- 5 = excellent work/involvement/effort provided

$(\text{Scores of Assessor A} + \text{Scores of Assessor B}) / 2 = \text{overall score for project}$

This combined score given to each project highlights its overall performance and can vary from zero (0) to twenty-five (25).

In case the two assessors' scores differ by more than three points in a given category (e.g. Assessor A scores category (a) with a 1, while Assessor B scores category (a) with a 5 → difference of $5 - 1 = 4$) a third assessor, part of the assessment team, will need to rate the project. The average score of all three assessors will give the overall score for the given project.

4. RECOGNITION AND PRIZE

All projects that are complete, eligible, and have a minimal score of ten (10) are showcased on the UIAA website and receive the right to use the UIAA MPA logo in black.

All reviewed projects are ranked according to the overall score given, providing the basis for allocating acknowledgement and prize eligibility. The UIAA Mountain Protection Commission convenes in a final review, taking into account recommendations and comments by the assessment team and decides on the following:

- MPA Winner
- MPA Runner-up
- MPA Best Idea or Concept

The UIAA Mountain Protection Commission, via its President, notifies the assessment team as well as the UIAA President of its final decision.

The winning project is announced at the UIAA General Assembly and receives a cash prize of USD 5,000, a UIAA MPA trophy, the right to use the UIAA MPA logo in gold, a certificate of recognition and will be featured in a dedicated UIAA news article. The winner will be asked to write and share a progress report within the next year and a final report upon completion of the project with the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission.

The project with the second highest overall score is deemed the year's UIAA MPA Runner-up and receives the right to use the UIAA MPA logo in silver, a certificate of recognition and will be featured in a dedicated UIAA news article.

The highest-scoring project under the "new idea or concept" category is deemed the year's UIAA MPA Best Idea or Concept and receives the right to use the UIAA MPA logo in black, a certificate of recognition and will be featured in a dedicated UIAA news article.

5. TIMELINE

01 March 2019	Online Application Portal opens http://theuiaa.org/mountain-protection-award
16 June 2019	Online Applications Portal closes at midnight (CET)
31 July 2019	Review by UIAA MPA assessment team concludes
01 August 2019	Showcase of 2019 UIAA MPA Projects on UIAA platforms
15 August 2019	Winner of 2019 UIAA Mountain Protection Award contacted
02 November 2019	Announcement of 2019 UIAA MPA Winner at General Assembly