



Explorers Club Hong Kong Chapter Flag

Members of the Explorers Club Hong Kong Chapter who are planning scientific expeditions are encouraged to apply for the honor of carrying the chapter flag. This flag can be carried in addition to the Explorers Club flag. Instructions and application forms are available to chapter members only.

Use of the flag is governed by stringent standards. To obtain permission to carry the flag, a chapter member must show that the expedition holds the promise of scientific results. The chapter flag must be exhibited at every suitable opportunity on the expedition, and must be returned to the chapter along with a written record of the expedition, called the Chapter Flag Report.

Question to ask prior to applying for an ECHK flag:

General Criteria:

- Does your project meet all the criteria for an Explorers Club Hong Kong Flag Expedition?
- Does it have further global applications?
- Has this been done before? Have there been similar EC expeditions? If not, why?
- What makes this important / relevant now?
- What application of new technology will be used? Is this innovative?
- Who does the expedition help, and how?

Chapter impact:

- Can fellow ECHK members participate/ if so in what form?
- What methods of impact (community/ education) are planned pre/during/post expedition?
- What makes it newsworthy (regional, globally)?

Organisation:

- What obstacles are remaining to launch the project?
- Who is part of the proposed team and what expertise is included?
- What is the approximate budget and what would be required in costs?

Financing:

- How do you intend to cover the costs?
- Which sponsors are partaking and what are their requirements?

Hong Kong Chapter Flag Criteria:

- Your expedition must have a goal that will advance human knowledge.
- You need to understand and communicate the requirements for your expedition's success. For example, are you familiar with previous expeditions to this place, and what happened to them and their results?
- Show that you have a detailed plan for gathering information, analyzing it, and communicating it afterward.
- Your final result might be scientific data published in academic journals, a documentary film with plans for distribution, popular writing for magazines, or a wide variety of other communication avenues. And in accordance with our rules, an expedition must never be solely for commercial purposes.
- The expedition must have a new or novel hypothesis that is being explored, with goals to find new solutions to conservation, challenges, and scientific questions.
- The project must include field research and the dissemination of knowledge.
- You need to have the right people for the expedition, and demonstrate to have undertaken a proper risk assessment.
- Is your budget reasonable? What is the state of your funding when you apply?
- Have you carried the flag in the past, and if so what were the results of those expeditions?
- Why is the expedition locally relevant to the location being explored?
- What local expertise (e.g. individuals, institutions) are being included/ engaged in the work of the expedition?
- How will the expedition's findings be shared with the local stakeholders and wider local population?
- How many members of the Hong Kong chapter are participating in the expedition, and in what capacities?
- How does this expedition promote the concept of inclusive, world-centered exploration?

Additional Requirements:

- *The applicant must be a member of the Explorers Club Hong Kong chapter in good standing (all outstanding dues paid).*
- *Each applicant can only be awarded one flag at a time.*
- *A new flag can only be awarded, if an official expedition report is submitted to the ECHK within three months of the end of the expedition.*

Additional Information:

Explorers Club Flag Expedition Criteria:

https://www.explorers.org/%20about/%20flag_application_criteria

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