

Association of Christian Teachers (ACT)

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ACT Overseas Fund 'Application Form' – page 1

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NOTES:

- 1 Please read the ACT Overseas Fund 'Funding Criteria' before completing PAGE 1 & PAGE 2 of this Application Form
- 2 The ACT Overseas Fund has limited resources. Because of this, it cannot always grant funds even when an application matches one or more of the 'Criteria for Funding'
- 3 Once you have completed the Application Form please email, fax or post it to ACT:

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St Albans
Herts
AL1 1NX
England

FAX:
44 1727 848966

EMAIL:
act@christians-in-education.org.uk

NAME OF ORGANISATION APPLYING FOR FUNDING:

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CONTACT NAME:

POSTAL ADDRESS:

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EMAIL: TEL:

(Please answer as appropriate.)

1. Is your organisation NATIONAL? YES / NO
2. Is your organisation INTERNATIONAL? YES / NO
3. Does your organisation have an EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN BASIS OF FAITH? YES / NO
4. Does your organisation accept the EEA (European Evangelical Alliance) STATEMENT OF FAITH, or a similar doctrinal statement? YES / NO
(See EEA 'Statement of Faith' – attached.)

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5. How does your organisation support Christians working in education?

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6. How much money are you applying for? (Amount in GBP [£] pounds sterling.)

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7. What do you want to do with this money? (Please provide a breakdown of expenditure.)

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8. Please provide ‘EVIDENCE OF NEED’. (Give evidence that the subject of this funding application [e.g. an organisation, project, activity, equipment] is needed.)

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9. Please indicate ‘EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND IMPACT’. (How will the organisation / project / activity / equipment benefit Christians working in education? What is likely to happen if this organisation / project / activity / equipment is not funded?)

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(Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.)

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European Evangelical Alliance (EEA) 'Statement Of Faith'

The Association of Christian Teachers is a member of both the UK Evangelical Alliance and the European Educators' Christian Association (EurECA). The latter is, in turn, a member of the European Evangelical Alliance (EEA) and accepts the EEA Statement of Faith.

The EEA is a fellowship of Christians who accept the revelation of the triune God given in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament and confess the faith of the Gospel therein set forth. They assert the following doctrines which they regard as crucial to the understanding of the faith, and which should issue in mutual love, practical Christian service and evangelistic concern:

- 1 The sovereignty and grace of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in creation, providence, revelation, redemption, final judgement and consummation.
- 2 The divine inspiration of Holy Scripture and its entire trustworthiness and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- 3 The universal sinfulness and guilt of fallen man, making him subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- 4 The substitutionary sacrifice of the incarnate Son of God as the sole and all-sufficient ground of redemption from the guilt and power of sin, and from its eternal consequences.
- 5 The justification of the sinner solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ crucified and risen from the dead.
- 6 The illuminating, regenerating, indwelling and sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.
- 7 The priesthood of all believers, who form the Universal Church, the body of which Christ is the head, and which is committed by His command to the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world.
- 8 The expectation of the personal, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ, in power and glory.

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ACT Overseas Fund 'Criteria for Funding'

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The ACT Overseas Fund may allocate monies for the following purposes, listed here in order of funding priority:

1. Establishment of a new *national* or *international* (e.g. *pan-continental*) Christian teacher association / network / fellowship outside the UK, where none already exists.
2. Furthering the work of an existing *national* or *international* (e.g. *pan-continental*) Christian teacher association / network / fellowship outside the UK (e.g. by contributing towards day-to-day administrative costs; paying for website development; funding the cost of office equipment).
3. The setting up and running of conferences and special events for Christian teachers working outside the UK (to include sending speakers from the UK/contributing towards the travel expenses of delegates, etc.).
4. Ministering to the professional and/or spiritual needs of individual Christian teachers and/or groups of Christian teachers who are from overseas but are working in England.
5. Ministering to the professional and/or spiritual needs of individual Christian teachers and/or groups of Christian teachers who are from England but work mainly outside the UK.
6. Any other work that will encourage, support or professionally develop Christian teachers and bring glory and honour to God.

Note: applications for funding will only be considered if they include both of the following:

- (a) EVIDENCE OF NEED, i.e. evidence that the subject of the application (e.g. funding for an organisation project, activity, equipment) is needed.
- (b) EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND IMPACT, e.g. how will the organisation / project / activity / equipment benefit Christians working in education?

The ACT Overseas Fund will NOT allocate monies for the following purposes:

- (i) To purchase equipment for an individual student, teacher or school.
- (ii) To pay school/college/university tuition fees or maintenance costs.

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ACT Overseas Fund 'Key Definitions'

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'UK'	United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland (including: Isle of Man & Channel Islands)
'England'	England (including: Isle of Man & Channel Islands)
' <u>national</u> Christian teacher association / network / fellowship'	an organisation that covers, or seeks to cover, a whole country (i.e. it is not parochial, regional or local) and is open to all Christian teachers without prejudice or discrimination (regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, nationality, language, culture, social status, political affiliation, etc.) so long as those Christian teachers conform to the doctrinal basis of that association / network / fellowship.
' <u>international</u> Christian teacher association / network / fellowship'	an organisation that covers two or more countries (e.g. EurECA covers the whole of Europe).
'Christian'	an individual or organisation that accepts orthodox Trinitarian Christian doctrine as set out in the EEA (European Evangelical Alliance) 'Statement of Faith', or a similar doctrinal statement.
'teacher'	<i>anyone actively engaged in the formal learning-and-teaching process</i> who may or may not work in a school, college or university (e.g. this includes students training to teach, newly qualified teachers, college and university lecturers, school teaching assistants and learning mentors, <i>and</i> home educators) and who may or may not 'teach' <i>per se</i> (including headteachers / principals who have no timetabled teaching commitments).

IMPLICATIONS:

- The ACT Overseas Fund will not give financial support to national teacher organisations based in the UK. Neither can it support the work of any other Christian education organisation that relates to work in the UK unless this is in support of Christian teachers from outside the UK who are working in England (see Criteria for Funding 4 on page 1 of this document).
- The ACT Overseas Fund will not give financial support for local or regional organisations overseas – they must be *national* or *international*.
- The ACT Overseas Fund will not support the setting up of a new *national* or *international* organisation where one already exists.

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ACT Overseas Secretary job description

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The ACT Overseas Secretary is responsible for:

- (i) circulating ALL funding applications to all members of the Overseas Committee
- (ii) carrying out the wishes of the ACT Overseas Committee in accordance with the agreed 'Funding Criteria'
- (iii) keeping ALL funding applications (successful and unsuccessful) on file
- (iv) keeping a log that shows:
 - WHY an application was successful/unsuccessful.
(See '*Record Sheet*' – attached.)
 - HOW MUCH MONEY was asked for.
 - HOW MUCH MONEY was given.
 - WHEN the money was paid.
 - HOW the money was paid (e.g. MoneyGram transfer, bank transfer, cheque, etc.)

NOTE:

In recent years, ACT has received 10-15 applications for funding per annum. Many applications do not match the 'Funding Criteria' (e.g. a teacher from Kenya asking ACT to fund her personal study trip to the USA, a school in Japan asking us to buy toys for a kindergarten, a family in India asking ACT to pay the school fees of their child).

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ACT Overseas Fund 'Record Sheet' – page 1

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NAME OF APPLICANT:
(Please attach original copy of request for funding to this sheet.)

DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED BY ACT:

DATE APPLICATION CONSIDERED BY ACT OVERSEAS COMMITTEE:

DATE APPLICANT NOTIFIED OF OUTCOME:

AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUESTED:

AMOUNT OF MONEY GIVEN:

DATE OF PAYMENT: **METHOD OF PAYMENT:**

The organisation ... (Please TICK and/or DELETE if appropriate.)

- is NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL
- has an EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN STATEMENT OF FAITH

The ACT Overseas Fund may allocate monies for the following purposes, listed here in order of funding priority: (Please TICK if application meets any of these positive criteria.)

- Establishment of a new *national* or *international* Christian teacher association / network / fellowship outside the UK, where none already exist.
- Furthering the work of an existing *national* or *international* Christian teacher association / network / fellowship outside the UK (e.g. by contributing towards day-to-day administrative costs; funding website development; contributing towards the cost of office equipment, etc).
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Key information included in the application:

(Please TICK if application includes this information.)

- EVIDENCE OF NEED. *(The subject of this funding application, e.g. an organisation, project/activity, equipment, is needed.)*
- EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND IMPACT. *(How will the organisation, project/activity, equipment benefit Christians working in education? What is likely to happen if this organisation, project/activity, equipment does not go ahead?)*

The ACT Overseas Fund will **NOT** allocate monies for the following purposes:

(Please CROSS if application meets any of these negative criteria.)

- To purchase equipment for an individual student, teacher or school.
- To pay school/college/university tuition fees or maintenance costs.