

Frederick Soddy Postgraduate Award

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● Postgraduate grant of £6000 for fieldwork on '*The study of the social economic and cultural life of a region*'

●●● The Frederick Soddy Trust (www.soddy.org) announces an award of up to a total of £6,000 a year for each of the next three years (2010, 2011 and 2012).'

The fieldwork/research must lie within the rubric of the objects of the Frederick Soddy Trust: '*the study of the social, economic and cultural life of a region*' anywhere in the world.

Applications are invited from postgraduate students. Projects may be submitted from an individual or a small group working together.

This award is administered by the RGS-IBG on behalf of the Trust. Each year one award will be made of up to £6,000, though this sum could in certain circumstances be split between two applicants. The application deadline is **24 February 2012**.

Eligibility

- The awards support fieldwork/research in the UK or overseas.
- Applicants must be UK/EU nationals.
- Applicants must currently be registered for a PhD. Applicants registered on MPhil or other Masters courses are not eligible.
- Reapplication for the same project is not permitted
- Grants are available to individuals or small groups working together
- Re-application for the same project is not permitted
- Awards cannot be made retrospectively
- Costs that can be covered by the grant include travel, equipment, field assistance, expenses in the field

Application process

Applications should be submitted by email in word format to the Grants Officer at the Society. Deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Applications must contain the following information:

- Name, affiliation and full contact details (please include an email address)
- Title and short abstract of project (max 100 words)
- Aim of the project and objectives with a description of how the fieldwork/ data collection will contribute to the overall PhD project (max 250 words)
- Location of research area including the latitude and longitude (These are used by the RGS-IBG to geocode information about our grants programme)
- A full description of the proposed research, including field site, methodologies and a timeline (max 500 words)
- Duration of fieldwork/research with start and intended end date
- Details of permissions needed/gained from the host country and of collaborative links with host country agencies where relevant
- An assessment of the wider context and relevance of the research, how it advances geographical knowledge, and how it relates to the specific objectives of the Frederick Soddy Trust (max 600 words in total)
- An outline of plans for disseminating the results of the research (max 200 words)
- If fieldwork, a risk assessment and safety management plan and details of appropriate ethical approvals (see conditions of award, max 300 words)
- A fully itemised budget. This should include travel, accommodation and per diem costs, as well as details of the sources of funds for budgeted costs that exceed the value of the award.
- One page summary CV with details of appropriate experience and expertise

Referee statements

Two referee statements are required. One of these referees should be independent of the research

activities and institution. Referees should send their letters of support directly to the Grants Officer at the RGS-IBG (grants@rgs.org) no later than **24 February 2012**. References form a critical part of the judging process.

Selection process

- Applications will be assessed by an external panel of experts
- Final decisions will be made by the Trustees of the Frederick Soddy Trust
- A short list of applicants may be called to the Society for an interview

Conditions

- The RGS-IBG requires that the research it funds be conducted in an ethical and responsible manner. All RGS-IBG awards are conditional on your Institutions approval of the projects risk assessment and ethical considerations. Full details of the Society's ethical guidelines for research can be found at www.rgs.org/grants-ethics. **Please provide information on the status of approvals in your application**
- **Within a month** of completion of the fieldwork/data collection, you will be required to complete a short report. High resolution JPEG images which capture the essence of the project (the research problem, methods and findings) are also required.
- A full final report must be submitted electronically and in hard copy by **1 September** of the year following the award. The final report must include a 250 word abstract, a description of the project and its key findings (1000 words minimum), digital images that capture the spirit of the project and its results, a final budget, and details of presentations, publications and any other outputs
- Award details, including text and images from reporting, may be used in publications and on the Society website
- The Frederick Soddy Trust's support should be acknowledged in all publications and outputs. Copies of any such publications and outputs should be submitted to the Society

Note: Digital photographs should be high resolution and in JPEG format.

Contact/ Applications

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The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) offers many other grants for different areas of geographical research at different career stages. Full details of all grants can be found at www.rgs.org/grants.

Applicants may only have one Society grant application pending at any one time. For more information, please read our Frequently Asked Questions, www.rgs.org/grantfaqs.