

Neville Shulman Challenge Award

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● Further understanding and exploration of the planet

●●● An annual award of £10,000 established for the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) by Neville Shulman CBE, Life Fellow.

The aims of the Neville Shulman Challenge Award are to further the understanding and exploration of the planet: its cultures, peoples and environments, while promoting personal development through the intellectual or physical challenges involved in the completion of research and/or an expedition. It is open to individuals or groups. The application deadline is **23 September 2011**

Eligibility

- Applicants must be UK nationals and over the age of 25
- The project can be desk or field based – and carried out in the UK or overseas
- Project proposals relating to PhD or MSc research will not be accepted
- The project must start **after May 2012**
- The reviewers are looking for those who are committed to the aims of the challenge
- The award is for independent travel. We will NOT consider any journey joining a commercial expedition or pre-paid tour, including organised charity fundraising tours

Application process

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

Applications should contain the following information:

- Title and short abstract (max 100 words)
- What **new knowledge** the project contributes to our understanding and exploration of the planet: its cultures, peoples and environments (Max 200 words)
- Why the project is important and the potential benefits of project (Max 100 words)
- In what ways the project is intellectually or physically challenging (max 300 words)

- A budget, showing sources of income
- A risk assessment and safety management plan, logistics plan and details of appropriate ethical approvals (max 400 words)
- Details of others involved in the project (if any)
- Information about any association with earlier studies/activities
- Information about training plans (where appropriate) (max 100 words)
- Details of how results will be disseminated (Max 100 words)
- Duration of the research, with start and end dates
- Location of research area including the latitude and longitude (These are used by the RGS-IBG to geocode information about our grants programme in GIS)
- A 1 page CV of the team leader

Please indicate how you heard about the Neville Shulman Challenge Award

Interviews

Three to four projects will be selected and applicants will be called for interview. Interviews will be held at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in London. Shortlisted candidates must be able to attend the interview **in person**. The overall winner will be announced shortly after the interviews.

Conditions of the grant

- The RGS-IBG requires that the research it funds be conducted in an ethical and responsible manner and that recipients fulfil all their institution's health and safety requirements and ethical approvals. Full details of the Society's ethical guidelines for research can be found in a PDF at www.rgs.org/grants-ethics
- Within a month of completion a preliminary report of 1,000 words must be submitted
- 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 (100 words minimum), three to five digital images that capture the spirit of the project and its results, a final budget, and details of presentations, publications and any other outputs.

- The award winner may be asked to present a lecture on the project work at the RGS-IBG at a mutually convenient date
- The Society's support should be acknowledged in all publications and outputs. Copies of any such publications and outputs should be submitted to the Society
- Award details may be published in the Society's publications and on the website
- Copyright in all text, images, film, audio and other outputs resulting from the award is to be held jointly by the winner and the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)
- The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) will offer support to the winner in managing IPR associated with the award

Note: Digital photographs should be in JPEG or TIFF format and at a quality of 300 dpi or more in A5 size.

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.