

Geographical Club Award

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Geographical
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● Two grants of £1000 for postgraduate students to undertake fieldwork or other forms of data collection

The Geographical Club Award supports postgraduate students (Masters or PhD) undertaking **geographical** fieldwork or other forms of data collection in the UK or overseas to advance geographical knowledge or understanding. One award is given for Physical and one for Human Geography. No restrictions are placed on research topic or location. Project expenses covered by the award can include, but are not limited to, travel, subsistence, equipment and field assistants.

The application deadline is **25 November 2011**.

Eligibility

- The Award supports fieldwork or other forms of data collection (urban, social, physical, environmental, etc) in the UK or overseas.
- Applicants must be UK/EU nationals.
- Applicants must currently be registered for a PhD or Masters at a UK Higher Education institution and funds must be requested for research that is an integral part of that programme.
- Students who receive full funding from a Research Council or comparable levels of support from other sources with support for fieldwork/data collection are not eligible to apply.

Application process

Applications should be submitted by email to the Grants Officer at the Society by **25 November 2011**. This deadline will be strictly enforced.

Applications must be submitted electronically in word format and must contain the following information:

- Name, affiliation and full contact details (please include an email address)
- The year of commencement of the postgraduate course and the intended completion date. Please indicate if this is a Masters or PhD programme
- 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 Masters/ PhD project (max 250 words)
- Location of research area including the latitude and longitude if appropriate (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)
- A brief description of how the research will further geographical knowledge(max 200 words)
- An outline of plans for disseminating the results of the research (max 100 words)
- A risk assessment and safety management plan, and details of appropriate ethical approvals (see conditions of award, max 300 words)
- A fully itemised budget for support for the postgraduate programme with information on how the £1000 will be used. All details of other funding gained or applied for should be included.
- CV with details of appropriate experience and expertise

Please indicate how you heard about the RGS-IBG Geographical Club Award

Referee statements

- Two referee statements are required. One must be from your Masters or PhD supervisor.
- Please send each of your referees a copy of the Referee Guidelines below and ask them to send the references directly to the Grants Officer by email by **25 November 2011**. Applications will be jeopardised if referee statements are not received on time. Receipt of all materials will be acknowledged.

Selection process

- Applications will be assessed by an external panel of experts including a representative of the Geographical Club.

- There are no interviews for this award

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 (ethical, health and safety and any other permissions) 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. Project details may also be disseminated by Geographical Club to its members
- The recipients will be invited to attend a Geographical Club dinner as a guest of the club and will be asked to provide in advance a summary of their research findings
- The Geographical Club's and Society'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 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.

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● Guide to Referees

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Referees

We would be grateful if you could write a reference providing an evaluation of:

- The proposed project's strengths in terms of originality, and likely contribution to geographical knowledge
- The applicant's ability to complete the programme of work within the time and budget proposed and safely and responsibly
- Any additional information that you feel might help the Selection Panel

Your reference will be one of the key factors in assessing the applicant's suitability for a grant. Please return your reference to the Grants Officer by email before **25 November 2011** to the address below. The Society would like to thank you in advance for your assistance. Your reference will be acknowledged by email.

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