

# Geographical Club Award

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Geographical  
Society**  
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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.

This award is administered by the RGS-IBG on behalf of the Geographical Club.

The application deadline is **23 November**.

### 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.
- Project expenses covered by the award can include, but are not limited to, travel, subsistence, equipment and field assistants.

**Application process:** please read these requirements carefully and ensure that your application is fully compliant.

Applications should be submitted by email to the Society's Grants Officer ([grants@rgs.org](mailto:grants@rgs.org)) by **23 November**. This deadline will be strictly enforced.

Applications **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)
- 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
- 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 200 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 is required. This must 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. Applicants must make clear exactly how the grant will be used should the application prove to be successful. All details of other funding gained or applied for must be included.
- One page summary CV with details of appropriate experience and expertise



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## ● Guide to Referees

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### Referees

You are invited to provide a reference in the form of a critical 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

It is important that your evaluation comments on these three key aspects as it will be one of the key factors in assessing the applicant's suitability for a grant.

Please submit your **signed reference statement on letter headed paper** to the Grants Officer by email (details below) before **23 November**.

The Society would like to thank you in advance for your assistance. Your reference will be acknowledged by email.

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