

Innovative Geography Teaching Grants

● Grants for Secondary Teachers

The RGS-IBG awards five grants of up to **£800** each to fund innovative geography teaching at secondary level to enable imaginative, innovative or creative teaching materials and teaching methods to be developed. The aim is to serve both geography pupils and the wider teaching community. Grants are for secondary geography teachers, NQT's, GTP Trainees and PGCE Students. The application deadline is **16 October 2009**

Eligibility

- All applicants must be teaching secondary-age pupils
- All secondary geography teachers and trainee teachers can apply for a grant. Trainee teachers must be actively undertaking their course. At least one grant will be prioritised for NQT and trainee applicants and a further grant prioritised for applicants who are Members, Fellows or whose Institution is an Educational Member of the Society
- Applicants teaching overseas are eligible to apply if they are a Fellow or if the school is an Educational Member
- Preference will be given to stand alone projects; where the application is for part of a larger project the sub-project should be free standing with its own objectives
- The benefit of the award should be transferable, and the evaluation panel will take this factor into account
- Please note that owing to the spirit of the award, no money will be awarded solely to be used as prize money, to supply cover or for fieldwork proposals
- Reapplication for the same project is not permitted

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

- Name and title of applicant, address and telephone/fax number of the school where they are/will be teaching
- Title and short abstract of project (max 100 words)
- Full specification of the proposal objectives and a precise account of the teaching initiative to be undertaken (max 400 words)
- An explanation of how the proposal will enhance the education of pupils you will be teaching including age range (max 300 words)
- The three main criteria by which you will judge the project a success
- An itemised budget. Evidence of other funding for the project must be shown
- A risk assessment and safety management plan, and details of appropriate ethical approvals (max 200 words)
- Number of pupils and level to which they are taught geography in the school (if applicable).
- A description of how the outcome of the project and impacts will be shared more widely (100 words)
- Short CV of lead applicant, with full contact address, telephone numbers and email address
- Please indicate how you heard about the Innovative Geography Teaching Award

Referee statements

Two supporting statements are required. 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 **16 October**. One of your referee statements must be signed by your Course Tutor, Head of Department, Head Teacher or Employer. References should be sent by email. Applications will be jeopardised if referee statements are not received on time.

Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed by an expert panel. No interviews will be held. Results of the awards will be announced in writing to all applicants by the end of the year.



Conditions

- The RGS-IBG requires that the projects 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 at www.rgs.org/grants-ethics
- All grant recipients will be expected to spend the money allocated to them within the academic year
- A written summary of no more than 1,000 words must be submitted electronically by **1 September** of the year following the award. The report should include a 250 word abstract and three to five digital images that capture the spirit of the project and its results
- Recipients may be asked to make a short presentation about their project at an appropriate teachers' in-service training day organised by the Society and/or to write a short report for appropriate Society publication
- 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

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/grant

Please note: applicants may only apply for one grant per academic year, with the exception of the Henrietta Hutton Research Grant and the Gilchrist Fieldwork Award.

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

- The proposed project's strengths in terms of originality, validity and benefit to students
- The applicant's ability to complete the programme of work safely and responsibly within the time and budget proposed
- 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 to the address below **by 16 October 2009**. The Society would like to thank you in advance for your assistance. Your reference will be acknowledged by email.

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