

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 £6,000 for fieldwork/research which lies 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 **18 January**.

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**.
- Grants are available to individuals or small groups working together.
- Re-application for the same project is not permitted.
- Awards cannot be made retrospectively
- Project expenses covered by the award can include, but are not limited to, travel, subsistence, equipment and field assistants.

Application process

Applications should be submitted by email to the Society’s Grants Officer (grants@rgs.org) by **18 January**. 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 PhD and the intended completion date.
- 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
- 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)
- Details of permissions needed/gained from the host country and of collaborative links with host country agencies where relevant
- 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. All details of other funding gained or applied for should be included.
- One page summary CV with details of appropriate experience and expertise. Please also state your nationality (see eligibility criteria for the award).

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● Guide to Referees

●●● The Frederick Soddy Postgraduate Award supports a PhD student undertaking geographical fieldwork and other forms of data collection in the UK or overseas. 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.

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Referees

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

- The proposed project's strengths and weaknesses in terms of originality, validity and likely contribution to geographical knowledge
- 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 submit your **signed reference statement on letter headed paper** to the Grants Officer by email (details below) before **18 January**.

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

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