

Geographical Club Award

**Royal
Geographical
Society**
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and geographical learning

● Grant of £1000 for a postgraduate student to undertake fieldwork or other forms of data collection

The Geographical Club Award is to support a postgraduate student (Masters or PhD) undertaking **geographical** fieldwork or other forms of data collection in the UK or overseas to advance geographical knowledge or understanding. 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 **26 November 2010**.

The Geographical Club is a members dining club which has its origins in the Raleigh Club, a dining club for explorers and travellers established in 1826. At a meeting of that Club in 1830 a new Society, The Geographical Society of London, was formed and this subsequently became the Royal Geographical Society. In 1854 the Raleigh Club was dissolved and the Geographical Club created. The Club has kept close links with the RGS-IBG. It has a wide ranging membership of Fellows of the RGS-IBG with geographical interests whose backgrounds span academia, exploration, travel, authorship, commerce and the wider world. The Club supports the Society through funding conservation work in the RGS-IBG archives and the Geographical Club award.

Eligibility

- The awards support 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.
- Only one application to this competition is permitted

Application process

Applications should be submitted by email to the Grants Officer at the Society by **26 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.
- Details of appropriate ethical approvals
- 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 **26 November 2010**. 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

Reporting

- Within a month of completion of the fieldwork/ data collection a preliminary report of 1,000 words must be submitted.
- A full final report must be submitted to the Grants Officer (see details below) electronically and in hard copy by **1 September** of the year following the award. The final report must include an abstract (250 word), a description of the project and its key findings (1000 words), 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 completed or planned
- The winning applicant 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
- Award details may be published in the Society's publications and on the website and disseminated by Geographical Club to its members.
- 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 at www.rgs.org/grants-ethics

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 Grants and the Gilchrist Fieldwork Award.

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

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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 **26 November 2010** 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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