

# Innovative Geography Teaching Grants

## ● Grants for Higher Education and Secondary Teachers

The RGS-IBG awards two grants of £1,000 each to fund innovative geography teaching at secondary level to enable imaginative, innovative or creative teaching materials to be developed. Every year, the Society identifies an area of research which is either based upon a timely issue or approach. The aim is to serve both geography pupils and the wider teaching community through the creation of teaching materials on this particular issue.

The materials produced will be published on the Society's website.

The application deadline is **15 February**.

### Eligibility

The grants will be awarded to teacher – higher education partnerships. Ideally these will comprise one school teacher and one lecturer/researcher from a UK Higher Education Institution.

- All teams must have one member teaching secondary-age pupils
- All applicants must be either:
  - a Fellow of the Society
  - a Chartered Geographer (Teacher)
  - an Early Career Teacher member
  - or employed by a school with RGS-IBG School Membership

Further information can be found on the [Join Us](#) and [CGeog](#) pages of our website

### Application Process

Applications should be submitted by email in word or PDF format to the Grants Officer at the Society. Deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Applications must contain the following information:

- Name and title of applicants, address of the school/university and email addresses.
- A statement outlining your interest in the project (200 words)
- The three main criteria by which you will judge the project a success
- A description of how 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 **15 February**. One referee statement must be signed by the Head of Department, Head Teacher or Employer of the lead applicant. 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. Recipients will also be encouraged to engage with broader dissemination of teaching materials (e.g. by leading a [Teachers' CPD](#))

### 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 code of practice for the grants programme can be found at [www.rgs.org/grants-ethics](http://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/grants](http://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/grantfags](http://www.rgs.org/grantfags).

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## ● Guide to Referees

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The RGS-IBG awards two grants of up to **£1,000** each to fund innovative geography teaching at secondary level. The aim is to enable imaginative, innovative or creative teaching materials and teaching methods to be developed. The intent is to serve both geography pupils and the wider teaching community.

We would be grateful if you could write a short reference on behalf of the applicant. Please evaluate:

- Why you feel the applicant would be suitable for this grant
- The applicant's ability to complete the project 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 15 February**. The Society would like to thank you in advance for your assistance. Your reference will be acknowledged by email.

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