

RGS-IBG Small Research Grants

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● Grants of up to £3,000 for individual researchers

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to individual researchers pursuing geographical research working in a UK higher education institution. Funds can be used for travel, maintenance, data collection and temporary research assistance.

The scheme is designed to support individual researcher's desk or field-based research. Preference is given to early career researchers. The research projects must have clear, independent outcomes

Grants are awarded as either RGS-IBG Small Research Grants, EPSRC Research Grants, 20th International Geographical Congress Fund award (IGC), or as the Jasmin Leila Award. The application deadline is **22 January 2010**

Small Research Grants

Several awards of up to £3,000 for original desk and / or field-based research. Aimed at scholarly researchers early in their career, these awards are available to Society members and Fellows.

EPSRC Research Grants

All applications will be considered for the RGS-IBG Small Research Grant competition but only those with relevance to EPSRC topics will be considered for EPSRC funding of up to £3000. Applicants should indicate if they believe their proposal is eligible for EPSRC funding.

Jasmin Leila Award

An award of £250 will be given as a supplement to one of the supported Small Research Grant projects, or to an independent project, with one or more of the following research themes: 1. Medical and health geography. 2. Performance (especially any aspects of music, theatre, fashion and dance) and their geographies. 3. Transnational communities. Applicants should indicate on the application form if they wish to apply for the

Jasmin Leila Award as a stand alone grant.

20th International Geographical Congress Fund

This fund was established following the 20th International Geographical Congress held in London in 1964. Each year one grant of up to £3,000 will be made available. Preference will be given to projects by individuals that advance geographical research and will lead to publications.

Eligibility

- Applicants wishing to be considered for a Small Research Grant must be a Fellow or member of the society (to join please visit www.rgs.org/joinus). For the EPSRC , 20th IGC and stand alone Jasmin Leila Award this does not apply.
- Applicants are expected to hold a PhD at the time of application
- Applicants must be affiliated with a UK Higher Education institution
- Preference is given to early career researchers (within 6 years of applicants completing their PhD)
- Grants are available to individuals only, and only one application is accepted per individual per annum
- Preference will be given to those who have not received this support before
- Re-application for the same project is not permitted
- Awards cannot be made retrospectively
- Postgraduate research, conferences and conference attendance and replacement wages will not be funded
- For the 20th International Geographical Congress Fund equipment grants cannot be made
- Applicants wishing to be considered for an EPSRC Research Grant must demonstrate that the proposal relates to an EPSRC topic

(www.epsrc.ac.uk and of particular interest might be the Sustainable Urban Environment programme
<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/ResearchFunding/Programmes/PES/SUE/default.htm>)

Application process

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

- Application forms can be obtained from the Grants website www.rgs.org/srg+epsrc
- All questions must be answered fully
- Applications should be submitted electronically

Referee statements

Two referee statements are required. The two referees should be familiar with the applicant's work, and least one should not be based at the applicant's institution.

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 **22 January 2010**. References should be sent by email. Applications will be jeopardised if referee statements are not received on time.

Selection process

- Applications will be assessed by an external panel of experts.
- The assessors will consider how closely the application matches the criteria and the ability of the applicant to carry it out
- No interviews will be held for this award
- The full amount applied for may not be given
- All applicants will be notified by early May

Condition of the Awards

- The award period of each grant will be individually agreed. Grants not taken up within one year will be cancelled.
- All award-holders are requested to submit details of any other funds already obtained or being applied for to support the project
- A report of 2 sides of A4 length must be submitted by **1 March** of the year following the award. Your report should be submitted by email and in hard copy and must include

an abstract of 250 words, a description of the project and its key findings, three to five digital images that capture the key outcomes of the project, a final budget and explanation, and details of presentations, publications and any other outputs.

- Money not spent must be refunded
- 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
- 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 in a PDF at www.rgs.org/grants-ethics

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, the Gilchrist Fieldwork Award, Dudley Stamp Memorial Award and 30th International Geographical Congress Award.

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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, 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 return your reference to the Grants Officer by email before **22 January 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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