

RGS-IBG Hong Kong Research Grant

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● £2,500 for geographical research in the Greater China region

The Society offers a single annual research grant of up to £2,500 to a postgraduate student of any nationality who intends to undertake geographical research in the Greater China region (People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Macau SAR and Hong Kong SAR). The grant which is supported by the Hong Kong branch of The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), may be used to help with travel, equipment, data collection and subsistence in the field. The next application deadline is **27 November 2009**

Eligibility

- Applicants must be postgraduate students registered in a PhD course with a University
- Applicants must be undertaking field research in the Greater China region relevant to their studies
- The fieldwork must be of more than four weeks duration
- Preference will be given to individual applicants
- Strong preference will be given to those projects working closely with the host community

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 contain the following information:

- Name, affiliation and full contact details (please include an email address)
- The year of commencement of the PhD course and the intended completion date
- Title and short abstract of project (max 100 words)
- Aim of the project and objectives, and description of how the research 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 in GIS)

- Duration of the research, with start and end dates
- A full description of the proposed research, including field site and methodologies (max 500 words)
- Details of any earlier research in the subject and/or geographical region and how this has led to the current research work (max 250 words)
- A timeline of research activities
- Evidence that language and cultural issues in the field have been fully considered (max 100 words)
- An outline of plans for disseminating the results of the research (max 250 words)
- A risk assessment and safety management plan, and details of appropriate ethical approvals (max 300 words)
- A fully itemised budget. This should include travel, accommodation and per diem costs, as well as details of the source of funds for budgeted costs that exceed the value of the award
- Evidence that the host country has approved your research, i.e. a letter of support from your Great China region host and/or copies of any research permits required. Please also specify if permits will be required for the export, collection or import of field samples
- One-page CV, including any previous work/experience in the region
- Please do not send supporting documents such as previous reports, these will not be used when screening the applications.

Please indicate how you heard about the RGS-IBG Hong Kong Research Grant



Referee statements

Two referee statements from referees at different institutions are required. One can be your 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 **27 November 2009**. References should be sent by email. Applications will be jeopardised if referee statements are not received on time.

Selection process

Applications will be judged by representatives from the Hong Kong branch of the Society and a panel of experts selected by the Society. The assessors will consider how closely the application matches the criteria and the ability of the applicant to carry it out. The winner will be informed by the end of March.

Conditions

- 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
- Within a month of completion a preliminary report of 1,000 words must be submitted.
- A full final report must be submitted electronically and in hard copy by **1 September** of the year following the award. The final report must include a 250 word abstract, a description of the project and its key findings (1000 words minimum), 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
- The successful candidate will be very welcome to give a short presentation on the outcome of their research to the RGS-IBG Hong Kong branch, should they be passing through Hong Kong
- 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, 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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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 **27 November 2009** 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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