

# Alexander Awards: Fieldwork Apprenticeships

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## ● Fieldwork Apprenticeships Guidance Notes

Bursaries for first year undergraduates to join an academic-led field project

Every year, up to three bursaries of £1,500 will be awarded to first year undergraduates in order to participate in an overseas research project led by one of their university lecturers.

### Eligibility guidelines

- Applicants must be UK nationals, be resident and studying geography as an undergraduate in a UK HEI and be in the first year of their Bachelor's degree.
- Applicants must have the support of a lecturer at their UK HEI to participate in an overseas fieldwork project that lasts for more than one month.
- Applicants must commit to becoming an active Geography Ambassador for the RGS-IBG ([www.rgs.org/ambassadors](http://www.rgs.org/ambassadors)). Students should also be willing to commit to sharing their experiences with others at their own institution and through the programme's website more broadly.
- Applicants should demonstrate how opportunities to get involved in overseas fieldwork would not be available to them were it not for the Field Apprenticeship. Where possible they should demonstrate the challenging circumstance that prevents them from having access to such opportunities.

### Application procedure

Application forms can be downloaded from [www.rgs.org/fieldworkapprenticeships](http://www.rgs.org/fieldworkapprenticeships). The form should be completed electronically, answering all questions, and emailed to the Grants Officer at the Society ([grants@rgs.org](mailto:grants@rgs.org)) by **1 April**. This deadline will be strictly enforced.

### Information required from referees

Each application must be accompanied by two written references:

1. A written reference from the applicant's geography tutor.
2. An Academic Mentor Form to be completed by the UK lecturer overseeing the Fieldwork Apprenticeship, signed by their Head of Department.

If these are the same person, another lecturer in the department should serve as the geography tutor referee. A copy of the referee guidelines is provided.

The references should be emailed directly to the Grants Officer ([grants@rgs.org](mailto:grants@rgs.org)) by **1 April**. Applications will be jeopardised if referee statements are not received on time.

### Selection process

- Applications will be assessed by a panel of experts.
- Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed either at the Society in London (travel expenses will be paid), or via Skype. Interview dates and times will be arranged once the candidates have been shortlisted.

### Contact/Applications:

For applications or further information, contact:

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