

Neville Shulman Challenge Award

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and geographical learning

● Further understanding and exploration of the planet

••• An annual award of £5,000 established for the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) by Neville Shulman CBE, Life Fellow.

The aims of the Neville Shulman Challenge Award are to further the understanding and exploration of the planet: its cultures, peoples and environments, while promoting personal development through the intellectual or physical challenges involved in the completion of research and/or an expedition. The Award is open to individuals or groups.

The application deadline is **30 November**

Eligibility

- Lead applicants must be UK nationals.
- The project can be desk or field based – and carried out in the UK or overseas.
- Project proposals relating to PhD or MSc research will not be accepted.
- The reviewers are looking for those who are committed to the aims of the challenge.
- It is expected that this grant will provide the majority of funding needed to undertake the project.
- The award is for independent travel. We will NOT consider any journey joining a commercial expedition or pre-paid tour, including organised charity fundraising tours.

Application process

Applications should be submitted by email to the Society's Grants Officer (grants@rgs.org) by **30 November**. This deadline will be strictly enforced.

Applications should contain the following information:

- Title and short abstract (max 100 words)
- What **new knowledge** the project contributes to our understanding and exploration of the

planet: its cultures, peoples and environments (Max 200 words)

- Why the project is important and the potential benefits of project (Max 100 words)
- In what ways the project is intellectually or physically challenging (max 300 words)
- A budget, showing likely expenditure and sources of income
- A risk assessment and safety management plan, logistics plan and details of appropriate ethical approvals and permissions (max 400 words)
- Details of others involved in the project (if any)
- Information about any association with earlier studies/activities
- Information about training plans (where appropriate) (max 100 words)
- Details of how results will be disseminated (Max 100 words)
- Duration of the research, with start and end dates
- Location of research area including the latitude and longitude (These are used by the RGS-IBG to geocode information about our grants programme)
- A 1 page CV of the team leader

Please indicate how you heard about the Neville Shulman Challenge Award

Data Protection

Your information will be treated in the strictest confidence and will only be used in connection with your application. Your data will not be shared with any third parties. If successful, information about your project, including names of participants and affiliated organisations, will be published on our website and may be used to promote the Society's grants programme.



Selection Process

Applications will be assessed by an external panel of experts. From the proposals, up to four projects will be shortlisted and applicants should expect to be called for interview. Interviews will be held at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in London. Shortlisted candidates must be able to attend the interview in person.

Conditions

- The RGS-IBG requires that the research it funds be conducted in an ethical and responsible manner. **All RGS-IBG awards are conditional on appropriate approval of the projects risk assessment and ethical considerations.**
- Full details of the Society's code of practice for the grants programme can be found at www.rgs.org/grants-ethics.
- The Society will not fund projects that take place in countries or within an area where the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) advises against all travel before the project goes into the field.
- Personal medical insurance must be in place for all team members before departure.
- **Within a month** of completion of the fieldwork/data collection, you will be required to complete a survey on the outcomes of the project. A high resolution JPEG image showing the project being carried out is also required.
- 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 (100 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 award recipient may be asked to present a lecture on the project work at the RGS-IBG at a mutually convenient date.
- 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.

- Copyright in all text, images, film, audio and other outputs resulting from the award is to be held jointly by the recipient and the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).
- The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) will offer support to the recipient in managing IPR associated with the award.

Contact/Applications

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