

# 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 awarded through this scheme are: the RGS-IBG Small Research Grant, the Jasmin Leila Award, the Rob Potter Award, and the 20<sup>th</sup> International Geographical Congress Fund Award.

The application deadline is **18 January**.

### 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.

### 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.

### Rob Potter Award

An award of £1,500 will be given as a supplement to one of the supported Small Research Grant projects, or as a stand-alone grant, with one or more of the following research themes: (1) geographies of development (especially urbanisation, housing and

participatory planning); (2) transnational migration and identities; (3) the contemporary Caribbean.

### 20<sup>th</sup> 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 through this fund. Preference will be given to projects by individuals that advance geographical research and will lead to publications.

Applicants should indicate on the application form which award/s they wish to apply for.

### 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](http://www.rgs.org/joinus)). For the 20<sup>th</sup> IGC Award, stand-alone Jasmin Leila Award and stand-alone Rob Potter 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

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- For the 20<sup>th</sup> International Geographical Congress Fund, equipment grants cannot be made

### Application process

Applications should be submitted by email to the Society's Grants Officer ([grants@rgs.org](mailto:grants@rgs.org)) by **18 January**. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Application forms can be downloaded from [www.rgs.org/smallresearchgrants](http://www.rgs.org/smallresearchgrants).

### Referee statements

- Two referee statements are required. The two referees should be familiar with the applicant's work, and at 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 email by **18 January**.

### Selection process

Applications will be assessed by an external panel of experts. No interviews will be held for this award.

### 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
- The RGS-IBG requires that the research it funds be conducted in an ethical and responsible manner. **All RGS-IBG awards are conditional on your Institutions approval of the projects risk assessment and ethical considerations. Please provide information on the status of approvals in your application.**
- 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).
- 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 short report. High resolution JPEG images which capture the essence of the project (the research problem, methods and findings) are also required.
- A report of 2 sides of A4 length must be submitted by **1 September** 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, digital images that capture the spirit of the project and its results, a final budget and explanation, and details of presentations, publications and any other outputs.
- Award details, including text and images from reporting, may be used in publications and on the Society website.
- 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.

### 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/grantfaqs](http://www.rgs.org/grantfaqs).

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## ● Guide to Referees

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### Referees

We would be grateful if you could write a reference providing a critical evaluation of:

- The proposed project's strengths and weaknesses 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 submit your **signed reference statement on letter headed paper** to the Grants Officer by email (details below) before **18 January**.

The Society would like to thank you in advance for your assistance. Your reference will be acknowledged by email.

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