

Knowledge Exchange Grants For Early Career Researchers



**To Communicate Geographical Research and Facilitate Impact
Grants in the Range £200 – £1,000
For PhDs and Those Within Seven Years of Completion
Deadline of 12th April 2019**

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

The RSGS Knowledge Exchange (KE) Grants aim to promote geography through disseminating the results of geographical enquiry and research for the benefit of the wider public.

The key principles of the RSGS KE Grant scheme are:

- That the grant will support the aims and objectives of the RSGS as a learned society and educational charity and for public benefit. That is, KE grants should be used for the purposes of knowledge exchange (public engagement, policy engagement and/or implementation, business innovation, the dissemination of the research), not to undertake research or other original enquiry;
- That successful applicants shall be prepared to help promote their work, and that of the RSGS, either through publication (in *The Geographer* or the *Scottish Geographical Journal*), or by presentation (in the RSGS *Inspiring People* talks Programme) or by other means as the applicant and RSGS shall together decide;
- Normally, priority in applications will be given to Early Career Researchers (persons within 7 years of receipt of their doctoral degree or equivalent) and to doctoral students. Where an applicant does not have a doctoral degree, or is not studying for one, consideration will be given to evidence of the prior attainment of equivalent expertise;
- Applicants must be a member of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society at the time of application;
- Priority may be given to applications where there is evidence of matched funding or other evidence of mutual support to equivalent value;
- Assessment of applications will be without favour in relation to age, gender, race or ethnic classification or any other category other than the merit of the application;
- Assessment of applications and the award of KE grants will be the responsibility of the Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee of the RSGS.
- **Normally, no individual KE grant will exceed more than £1,000.**

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HOW TO APPLY

There is no application form. Instead, in no more than two A4 pages, in 12 pt. font, applicants should provide the following information:

- A brief summary (not exceeding 250 words) of the nature and importance of the underlying research;
- Clear statements on how the proposed scheme will be of benefit to the applicant, the intended audiences, and to the RSGS;
- A clear and defined timetable with achievable milestones/benchmarks and defined outcomes;
- The names (including individuals' contact details) of any partner or collaborating institutions involved in the knowledge exchange;
- The sum sought from the RSGS;
- The nature of any additional or matching funding;
- Your name, address (postal and e-mail) and a contact telephone number, as well as your RSGS membership number;
- The name and contact details (including e-mail address) of one referee.

Completed applications should be sent as an attachment to enquiries@rsgs.org. The deadline for applications this year is 12th April 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.

The RSGS regrets that it will not be able to give feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application within 8 weeks of the deadline.