MANCHESTER GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANT

Deadlines: 10 am on 29th January and 23rd July 2027.

Amount: Up to £500.

This award is aimed at postgraduates studying for research degrees (Masters or Ph.D. level) at a university in NW England. The grant can be used to support field work, visits to laboratories or research institutions, purchase of essential equipment and laboratory analyses, and equivalent research activities necessary to successfully complete the degree. Preference will be given to those who have limited access to funding for such activities. Where there are multiple applications, preference will also be given to applications where the research is focused on an aspect of the geography of NW England.

To be eligible for the scheme you must be registered for a higher degree (Ph.D. or Masters level) at a university in North West England for at least 3 months by the time of application and must not hold a doctoral degree or a tenured academic position. Postgraduates are only eligible to apply once for the Postgraduate Research Grant during their studies. A letter of support from the applicant's Ph.D. supervisor must accompany the application. The scheme is not open to undergraduate researchers.

To apply for the scheme, you should submit the following to the Honorary Secretary of the MGS (s.millington@mmu.ac.uk) by the deadline:

1. **Case for support.** This should explain the rationale, aims and objectives and the work plan for the proposed research and should be no longer than 1 A4 page in font no smaller than 11pt.
2. **Application summary**: this should include
    - Title of project
    - Name, address and email of principal investigator
    - Name and email of academic supervisor
    - Names of any other associated researchers
    - A breakdown of the main budget components. Include, where appropriate, the source of funding (e.g. institution, other grant) for project components not included in the grant application but necessary to achieve project objectives.
    - A declaration as follows: " I certify that the information provided in my application is true, and that the proposed activities comply with institutional guidelines. I agree to supply a short report for publication in North West Geography within 12 months of receipt of funding".
3. **A letter from your academic supervisor** confirming that you are registered on a higher degree, are able to undertake the research, and that existing available funding for the research is as stated in your application.

All grants will be paid directly to the successful applicant. Successful applicants will be expected to submit a brief report (c.500 words) for publication in North West Geography, the Society's journal, during the 12 months following expenditure of the grant. Applicants are encouraged to submit full-length articles to North West Geography. Applicants submitting full-length articles are not required to submit the brief report in addition.

For further information, please contact the MGS Honorary Secretary, Dr. Steve Millington: s.millington@mmu.ac.uk .