



The Fisheries Society of the British Isles (FSBI)

FSBI Research Grant Scheme

1. **Outline of the scheme.** The FSBI (registered charity No. 256475) provides grants for research projects in any field of study relevant to fish biology and to the aims of the Fisheries Society, as stated on the Society's website (www.fsbi.org.uk/fsbi/). Projects examining the influence of non-fish taxa on fish biology through interactions are eligible (e.g. bitterling/mussel interactions; effects of parasites on fish health; impacts of fish-eating birds on fish populations; impacts of invasive crayfish on fish behaviour, etc.), but the focus of the research must be fish biology. The committee reserves the right to decide on the suitability of potential research projects. The grants will support pilot work or small projects under two categories: Small Grants (maximum £5000 per project within an annual budget of £40,000), and Wyn Wheeler Grants (maximum £6000 per project within an annual budget of £6000).
2. **Criteria.** Applications are judged by the following criteria.
 - i. number of relevant publications
 - ii. generic value of study
 - iii. presentation/clarity of proposal
 - iv. technical feasibility
 - v. background/relevance of proposal
 - vi. scientific justification
 - vii. novelty of study
 - viii. cost-effectiveness
3. **Eligibility.** Applicants must be members of the Society but do not have to be resident in the UK. Researchers at the start of their careers, including holders of a Fisheries Society studentship award, will be favoured in competitions for Small Grants. Applicants for a Wyn Wheeler Grant must be retired from full-time employment. If the study is part of a larger research project, then it should be clear how the rest of the project is funded, and that any such funding cannot cover the proposed study. Successful applicants may not receive a further grant from the Society within one year, but there are no restrictions on further proposals from unsuccessful applicants for the same or other research projects.
4. **Items Covered by the Grant.** Eligible costs include items directly relevant to the project, including special items of equipment, field work expenses (including work abroad), computing costs peculiar to the project, the cost of hiring short-term assistance, and specialist books such as identification keys. The grant will not cover the purchase of computers for general use, travel to conferences (for which support is available under the FSBI's Travel Grants Scheme), the salary of the applicant, publishing costs, fees, patents or other related costs and any form of administrative overheads incurred by the applicant.
5. **Payment.** Grants are normally paid directly to the successful applicant, but may be made payable to the applicant's institution. Regardless, the successful applicant is responsible for administration of the Grant. Grant holders using currency other than Pounds Sterling will receive the amount in its local currency equivalent unless the Society's Treasurer is informed otherwise.
6. **Reports and Publications.** One year after the grant period, applicants must submit a report, preferably by e-mail, to the Small Research Grant Committee (address below). This should include: (1) a general description of the work (usually 2 or 3 pages suffice), (2) a 200–250 word summary, to be published in the Society's Newsletter and website, and (3) a breakdown of how the funds were spent. All publications arising from the work should acknowledge the Society's contribution.
7. **Closing Dates.** There are three grant rounds per year, with closing dates of 1 January, 1 May, and 1 September. Applicants are usually notified within 4–5 weeks of the closing date.

Applications should be submitted by e-mail, however hard copies are also acceptable and must be supplied in triplicate (with a self-addressed envelope if an acknowledgement is desired).

Send applications to:
FSBI
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Brabners
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Liverpool L2 3YL
UK

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FSBI Grant Application form

IMPORTANT NOTE: This form has been constructed so that the text cannot exceed the character limit defined by the Society for each section. Applications containing text added outside of the defined text boxes will be ignored.

(tick as appropriate)

Small Grant (Maximum £5000)

Wyn Wheeler Grant (Maximum £6000)

Part A

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Fax:

Telephone:

Date of birth:

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Current post:

Fellowship funding body: (for students and post-docs only – please specify)

Part B

Brief title of the project:

Start date:

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End date:

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Part C

Please provide a self-contained case for support (the indicated character limits include spaces).

1) Objectives: (max. 600 characters)

2) Relationship to earlier work by the applicant or others - state of the art: (max. 600 characters)

3) Methods: (max. 1200 characters)

4) Case for the grant – resources required in relation to funding already available: (max. 400 characters)

5) Wider implications – potential significance of the proposed research: (max. 800 characters)

Part D

Bibliographic references cited:

Part E

Brief statement of professional career: (including qualifications, posts held, research experience)

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Main recent publications: (a maximum of seven, with preference given to those relevant to the project)

