

## *Fisheries Society of the British Isles*

### **Small Research Grant Scheme**

1. *Outline of the scheme.* The Society's Small Research Grant Scheme provides grants of a maximum of £5,000. Research projects may be in any field of study relevant to fish biology and the aims of the Fisheries Society as stated in the Journal of Fish Biology. 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.*). However, it should be noted that 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.

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

2. *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's postgraduate award, will be favoured in competition for restricted funds. If the study is part of a larger research project, 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.

3. *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 keys. The grant will not cover the purchase of computers for general use, travel to conferences (but see the FSBI's Travel Grants Scheme), the salary of the applicant, publishing costs, fees, patents or other related costs and general overheads incurred by the applicant.

4. *Payment.* The grant will be paid directly to the successful applicant, who will then be responsible for its administration. Grant holders using currency other than Pounds Sterling will be expected to make their own arrangements for currency exchanges, but may consult the Society's Treasurer for advice at the time an award is offered.

5. *Reports and Publications.* One year after the grant period, applicants must submit a report, preferably by e-mail, to the Small Research Grants 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 (3) a breakdown of how the funds were spent. All publications arising from the work should acknowledge the Society's contribution.

6. *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 in hard copy or by e-mail. If submitting hard copy please supply the original plus two copies.

**If you wish to have receipt of the form acknowledged, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.**

Send applications to:

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**Application for a Research Grant**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**E-mail:**

**Fax:**

**Telephone:**

**Date of birth:**

**Current post:**

**Studentship funding body** (if applicable):

**Brief statement of career** (including qualifications, posts held, research experience).

**Main recent publications** (a maximum of seven selected from those relevant to the project).

**Expenditure:** Please provide a detailed breakdown of the sum requested.

I have read the conditions attached to a Fisheries Society grant and agree to abide by them.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief title of the project:**

**Start date:**

**End date:**

Please provide a self-contained case for support in a maximum of 400 words. This should include a brief statement on: (1) objectives, (2) relationship to earlier work by the applicant or others, (3) methods, (4) resources required in relation to funding already available, and hence case for the grant, and (5) potential significance of the research. This case may be given on a separate sheet or sheets if more convenient.