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Near Surface Geophysics Group Postgraduate Fieldwork Fund 2021/2

The Near Surface Geophysics Group is a special interest section of the Geological Society of London, aiming to advance, encourage and support the study and practice of near-surface geophysics. Areas of interest include environmental investigations and monitoring, archaeology, engineering, forensic science, mineral exploration, hazard assessment and geological mapping, limited to the upper 500 m of the ground surface.

The NSGG Postgraduate Fieldwork Fund provides support for students undertaking a near-surface geophysical survey as part of a postgraduate (MSc, MRes or PhD) research project at a UK institute of further education. NSGG will fund the successful applicant to a maximum of £1000. Successful applications will additionally receive 1-year student membership of The Geological Society, plus registration and (if possible) travel costs to present at one [NSGG research event](#). In return, the successful applicant should produce a poster-style summary of their research for display on the NSGG website.

Acknowledging the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on fieldwork planning, funding from NSGG maybe used at any time within 18 months of the receipt of the award.

An Application for Support is limited **strictly** to 2 pages (11pt Arial font). It **must** include:

- An outline of the broader research project,
- A description of the proposed field survey,
- Justification for requested funds, comprising
 - i) an itemised budget (specify the minimum support required to make the survey feasible)
 - ii) detail of other funding sources available to the project.
- A maximum of 2 figures with captions.

A reference list can be included as a separate supplement to the main proposal.

Applications should be submitted through email, to postgrad-fund@nsgg.org.uk. Include the main support document, plus your CV and a supporting statement from your research supervisor. Applications will be reviewed by a panel from the NSGG committee. Informal inquiries can be made in advance of the deadline to Dr Adam Booth (a.d.booth@leeds.ac.uk). Reference examples of successful applications from previous rounds are available on request.

The deadline for this year's round of support has been extended to 17:00 on 14th February 2022. Successful applicants will be informed of the panel's decision no earlier than 14th March 2022.

Scheme notes

1. The applicant should be a PhD, MRes or MSc student, undertaking a near-surface geophysics field project as part of research at a UK institute.
2. The application must be supported by the project supervisor.
3. Funds will be given in GBP. The maximum that can be awarded to one applicant is £1000. NSGG reserve the right, at the discretion of the panel, to award no or multiple awards depending on the applications that are received.
4. Only one application to the NSGG Postgraduate Fieldwork Fund can be made in any funding round. Funds must be used within 18 months of support being awarded.
5. The support of the **Geological Society of London** and **NSGG Postgraduate Fieldwork Fund** must be acknowledged in any publications or presentations forthcoming from the project.
6. Proposals will be graded primarily according to *Research Innovation, Effectiveness of Survey Design* and *Presentation* (40-40-20% weighting). The availability of other funding will also be considered during review.
7. No award will be made if no suitable applications are received in any one funding round.
8. The panel's decision is final.