Barnson Bequest Award – Fieldwork Proposal Guidance 2025

Please note: This form only needs to be filled out if you are applying for an award on the basis of a <u>fieldwork project.</u>

Length of Proposal

The detailed proposal for the project should not exceed three A4 pages (minimum 10-point font) and should be supplied with the Scholarship Application Form.

Content of the Proposal

You are recommended to provide concise information under the following headings:

- Title and main aims of your fieldwork. Clearly defined and attainable projects are more likely to attract support.

- Scientific background and justification with sufficient information, together with references, to show the significance of the work and to set the context of the project.

- Methodology and outcomes describing how specific objectives will be achieved, research techniques, type of data to be collected or used and methods of analysis; include a brief statement of anticipated conclusions and how these may be applied and disseminated.

- Financial statement giving a breakdown of expenditure. You should also state the amount of grant sought and provide details of other sources of funding being approached and the extent of any personal contribution.

- Personal statement outlining the skills and experience that you expect/aspire to gain from the fieldwork with particular emphasis on the development of non-technical, generic and transferable skills. Examples of generic skills could include team working, presentation and communication skills.

Please note that scholarships cannot be awarded to students to support any political campaigns or participation in any political movements or politically motivated projects either in the UK or elsewhere in the world.

The principles of good research practice include the following aspects:

- Fundamentals of research such as: maintaining open and honest professional standards: documenting results: questioning one's own findings; acknowledging honestly the contribution of others;
- Leadership, organisation and cooperation in research groups;
- Securing and storing primary data and;
- Taking appropriate measures to protect intellectual assets