

## **Smalls grants Q&A – last updated 27 February 2019**

### **When do the grants open for applications?**

Friday 8 February 2019.

### **When do they close?**

The deadline for applications (including your references) is midnight GMT on 15 April 2019.

### **How much is the small grant for?**

Up to GBP £5,000 including VAT.

### **When does the money get paid?**

We expect this to be from July 2019, but it does somewhat depend on how many applications we receive.

### **What can the grant be used for?**

The grant must be used to carry out research. To do this you can spend it on a number of things:

- Consumables,
- Field expenses, including salaries or per diems,
- Field transport,
- Travel,
- Accommodation,
- Items of equipment or software.

### **Can I use a small grant to undertake a course of study?**

No

### **Can I use a small grant to undertake a systematic review?**

No

### **Can I submit a joint or collaborative application?**

No

### **How do I apply?**

[Submissions via Submittable only](#) (no paper ones allowed). All guidelines are on the platform.

You need to create a Submittable account to apply.

## Who is eligible?

- Anyone in their early career (guidance provided below), from any nationality based anywhere in the world can apply.
- BUT only RSTMH's members can receive the money – if successful, applicants who are not already members will be asked to join the Society.

## What do you define as “early career”?

We would like to ensure as many early career researchers and professionals can apply for a small grant as possible, and we encourage people from a range of disciplines and sectors to get involved. With such a range of sectors we cannot easily define early career in terms of specific qualifications or roles.

We have therefore used guidance around the profile of applicant that may be suitable for a small grant. Applicants should meet this profile and should not have received funding for this field of study already. The applicant's supervisor must verify this as part of the reference and application process.

We expect candidates to be able to:

- Carry out research under supervision,
- Have the ambition to develop knowledge of research methodologies and discipline,
- Have demonstrated a good understanding of a field of study,
- Have demonstrated the ability to produce data under supervision,
- Be capable of critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas,
- Be able to explain the outcome of research and value thereof to research colleagues.

## Is there anything new about small grants from last year?

The only change is we have provided some additional guidance around early careers and we have asked supervisors of applicants to comment on these guidelines.

## What should my application focus on?

[RSTMH thematic areas](#) are prioritised, but this is not a condition.

## Do I need referees?

Yes, two. You must provide email addresses for two referees who have agreed to provide you with a written reference for this application. One should be a senior member of your employing organisation, acquainted with your qualifications and research. The second should be your supervisor or mentor for this project.

Your supervisor is asked to also comment on your suitability against the early career profile listed above.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring their referees submit references directly to Submittable by the closing date and follow small grant conditions. Regrettably, applications without two references and applications that don't have two complete references by the closing date cannot be considered.

**Can I submit more than one application?**

No

**Do the applications have to be in English?**

Yes, all applications must be in English. Applications in other languages will not be accepted.

**I've already received a small grant from RSTMH, can I re-apply?**

You are not eligible for a small grant if you received one in the last two years

**When does the work need to start if I get the funding?**

The project should start no earlier than four months after the closing date for applications. It should be completed within a year of receiving funding from us.

**Who assesses the grants?**

Our team of Global Assessors and our Grants and Awards Committee.