



Near Surface Geophysics Group Postgraduate Fieldwork Fund 2017

The Near Surface Geophysics Group is a special interest section of the Geological Society of London. NSGG aims 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 one project to a maximum of £1000, although two £500 grants may be awarded depending on applications received. Successful applications will additionally receive 1-year student membership of The Geological Society, plus registration and travel costs to present at one [NSGG research event](#).

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, including the minimum support required for the survey to be feasible, and
 - ii) detail of other funding sources available to the project.
- A maximum of 2 figures, their captions, and a reference list.

Applications should be submitted to Dr Adam Booth (a.d.booth@leeds.ac.uk, University of Leeds), plus a CV and a supporting statement from the research supervisor. Applications will be reviewed by a panel from the NSGG committee. Informal inquiries can be made to Dr Adam Booth. **The deadline for this year's round of support is 17:00 on 31st May 2017. Successful applicants will be informed of the panel's decision no earlier than 30th June 2017.**

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 grant that can be awarded is £1000, although NSGG may award two grants of £500 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 one calendar year 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*, *Cost Effectiveness* 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.