

THE YORKSHIRE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FEARNSIDES AWARD

Aims and scope

The Yorkshire Geological Society's (YGS) Fearnshides Prize was established originally by Professor William George Fearnshides (1879 – 1968) to recognise promise in geological research by a person under 30 years of age. Following a review of the award criteria by YGS Council, from 2016 onwards the Society has funded an annual Fearnshides Award to support current research in earth science and related subjects, being carried out by a person who may be considered an early-career researcher (ie. will have completed a PhD within the past 5 years).

The YGS Fearnshides Award provides a grant of up to £500 to individuals with a connection to the North of England - this may be by birth, education, affiliation to a research establishment in the region or research on the geology and landscape of the region itself. Awards are intended to support clearly specified research or activities that add value to an undergraduate or postgraduate project, such as presenting research outcomes at a major conference or following up a newly identified research opportunity. Please note that these awards are not intended to fund undergraduate dissertations in themselves, but may support research or communication opportunities emerging from such a dissertation after completion of a degree.

Applications will be evaluated by the Science Committee of YGS Council, who will consider the potential scientific merit and impact of the activity to be funded and also the potential benefits of the award on the early career development of the applicant.

How to apply

Applications are invited once a year, the next deadline is **08 December**. Successful applicants will be normally notified by mid-November and publicly announced at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, normally held in early December. The award will be disbursed for research in the immediately succeeding calendar year only (e.g. an application submitted in September 2018 will cover activity to be carried out entirely in 2019). Funds will not be awarded retrospectively for expenditure already incurred.

Applications should be submitted using the form below, **to be accompanied by a one page CV of the applicant**. On the application form, the proposed use of funds should be supported by a brief description of the scientific rationale and issues to be addressed, and the anticipated achievements and outputs. Applicants are required to identify a Supervisor, Head of Department or other referee who can vouch for the scope and context of research for which the Award is requested and confirm that any necessary supporting facilities for the research can be made available.

Expectations for successful applicants

- To acknowledge funding from the 'Yorkshire Geological Society Fearnshides Award' in all publications or publicity relating to the funded project;
- To produce a summary report for the Society within 3 months of completing their funded research, in a form which can be published on the YGS website and included in the YGS Circular;
- Subject to the content of the annual YGS programme of events, successful applicants may be invited give a presentation on the outcome of their project at a YGS Indoor Meeting or lead a relevant field trip.

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APPLICATION FORM**

(NB this form is supplied in MS Word format, the cells in the table will expand to include the information requested below but if necessary please append an additional sheet or file)

Name:	Address:
E-mail:	Telephone:
Current post or employment status:	
Summary of educational attainment, degree(s) and/or other academic awards:	
Univ./College Dept. or other institution where research is being undertaken and for which the Award is requested:	
Supervisor, Head of Department or other referee who can vouch for the scope and context of research for which the Award is requested:	(Name, Address, Telephone, Email)

Brief summary of the Research Programme or activity which the Award will be applied, including objectives and current sources of funding
Please state the amount you are applying for (max £500), specify the purpose (e.g. conference registration and travel costs) and provide an outline of the budget
Signature and date:
This form should be returned to: General Secretary of the Yorkshire Geological Society, Mr Paul Hildreth, "Kimberley", Bigby Road, Brigg, North Lincolnshire DN20 8BU. The form can also be submitted as an email attachment to secretary@yorksgeolsoc.org.uk

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