**THE YORKSHIRE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY RESEARCH FUND**

**Aims and eligibility**

The YGS Research Fund provides grants to individuals or small groups to support research in the Earth Sciences with a preferred, but not exclusive, connection to the North of England - this may be by birth, education, affiliation to a research establishment or research on the geology and landscape of the region itself. The scope of eligible research is broad, and the Society anticipates making at least one award per year to applicants who are working independently of formal supervision and financial support, especially where this may facilitate publication. We especially encourage applicants from underrepresented backgrounds and minority groups.

**Funding available**

Awards up to £1000 will normally be made on each occasion, though the Society may consider larger awards in cases of exceptional merit. Funding may be used to augment existing research but applications must demonstrate that the award is supporting a specific project or activity that is not otherwise funded by a grant from another source. Funds will not be awarded retrospectively for expenditure already incurred.

**How to apply**

There will be a single call for applications in **2024**, with a closing date of **31st May.** Applications received after this date will not be considered**.** YGS Council may make two or more awards in this round to applications of sufficient merit.

Applications should be submitted by email using the form below, and **include a CV or resumé**. Applicants are also asked to provide the name and contact details of one or more referees, who Council may wish to contact to verify the availability of third party resources, facilities or support that may be required for successful delivery of the proposed project or activity.

Successful applicants will be notified no later than **31st July.** Funding may be carried over to the next round if there are no successful applications.

# Requirements of successful applicants

* To acknowledge funding from the ‘Yorkshire Geological Society Research Fund’ in all publications or publicity relating to the funded project.
* To produce a report for the Society within 12 months of completing the work, in a form which can be published on the YGS website or included in the YGS Circular, this ideally should include photographs or illustrations.
* Subject to the content of the annual YGS programme of events, successful applicants may be invited to give a presentation on the outcome of their project at a YGS Indoor Meeting, Webinar or lead a relevant field trip.
* If appropriate, successful applicants are encouraged to publish results of the research in the *Proceedings of the Yorkshire Geological Society,* subject to the Editorial Board’s usual procedures for peer review.

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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)**

| Contact information |
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| Name: |
| Address: |
| Telephone: |
| eMail: |
| Proposed Project/Activity |
| Project/Activity Title: |
| Your role in the project: |
| Description of proposed project or activity (up to 500 words)*[to include the underlying rationale and scientific issues to be addressed and anticipated achievements and outputs]* |
| Up to 3 key outcomes or deliverables arising directly from this work |
| Publication / Presentation plan (100 words) |
| Funding requested |
| Total funding applied for (GBP): |
| Breakdown of funding:[*please list main items of expenditure with cost estimates, this can be on a separate sheet or file if appropriate*] |
| Justification for YGS Research Fund support (100 words maximum)[*please explain how your proposed project meets the YGS Research Fund ‘Aims and eligibility’ criteria on the YGS Research Fund webpage]* |
| Which Organisation will host the project? | Which school were you educated at? | Where is your fieldwork located (if any) |
| Other funding for the project: *[if you have other sources of funding that are contributing to your proposed project/activity, or you are also applying to other institution for a contribution, please give brief details]* |
| Other support and facilities |
| Facilities:*[please identify any third party resources, facilities or support, not funded by this grant, that are required to deliver the project eg access to labs, equipment, computing facilities]* |
| Referees for other support and facilities:*[please provide contact details (including telephone number and email address) of one or more referees who can confirm that the other support and facilities listed above can be made available for your project]* |
| Verification |
| ☐ **I have included a CV or Resumé** |
| Signature: |
| Date: |
| **Completed applications should be forwarded as an email attachment to:** applications@yorksgeolsoc.org.uk  |