

Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena

Research Grants Scheme

Introduction

Grants are available for award to individuals or groups who submit workable proposals falling within ASSAP's terms of reference. Applications written in a standard format will be considered by the Research Grants Board after being subjected to anonymous peer review. Unsuccessful applicant will be informed of reviewers' comments, which will assist them in future efforts.

Purpose of grants

Grants could be used for a variety of things, for instance:

- * literature research costs (library, postage, etc)
- * equipment hire
- * expenses
- * overnight investigations
- * expert consultation
- * MADS hire and expenses
- * data analysis
- * conferences, workshops, educational events, training events

Such grants should not necessarily be used for buying equipment as ASSAP already responds to such requests via another route. Instead, these funds should be for a particular project or piece of research.

As an example of a major proposal, a researcher might wish to hire MADS equipment to do a geophysical survey of a building where preliminary evidence suggests a magnetic anomaly may be present. Smaller projects are equally valuable, such as questionnaire-based research, which including printing and distribution, might cost less than £ 100.

Depending on the number of applications and their quality in any budget period, ASSAP may be able to fund all applications in full, and most applications in part. Possibly only one or two, or maybe none because they are too ambitious. This will depend upon numbers and standards.

If someone puts in a good application, but ASSAP cannot afford all the money requested, part-funding may be offered. The board will grade grant proposals along a number of dimensions, and those with the highest grades get the money.

Guidelines for submission

A grant application will include:

- * a completed application form
- * a full expenditure analysis form
- * an abstract of the study (150 words)
- * the research proposal (5000 words maximum).

Guidelines for submission (continued)

All successful candidates will be named in **ASSAP News** together with a summary and overview of their projects. A full article for **Anomaly** should follow in due course.

Application forms are attached. When completed, they should be sent to:

**ASSAP
PO Box 371
Stroud
GL6 1EL**

Grant conditions

Applicants need not be paid-up members of ASSAP.

In return for funding, the researcher undertakes to:

- * Acknowledge ASSAP funding in all resulting publications that use the data
- * Provide an end-of-grant report detailing where the money went and what was done
- * Write an article for **Anomaly**, which might also be summarised for **ASSAP News**
- * Sign a form, which is a legal document, committing them to this.

Timetable

The scheme will be advertised annually in September with a 30 November deadline, so that applications for major project funding can be processed and finalised by the year end. More modest ones will be considered by the Board at any time, which will retain some financial flexibility to fund any exciting and promising "urgent" proposals.

Research Grants Board

Members consist of the following people:

National Research Officer (ex-officio)
The Chairman (ex-officio)
The Treasurer (ex-officio)
Simon Sherwood
Maurice Townsend

currently Dr Hugh Pincott
currently Dave Wood
currently Wendy Milner

The general secretary is responsible for receiving the submissions and handing them out for review to appropriate people. Other members of the board may act as grant reviewers and advisors.

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Name:

Date of birth:

Address (for correspondence):

Telephone number:

E-mail (if applicable):

Are you a member of ASSAP (note you will not be disadvantaged if you are not a member):

Yes / No

If you are a member of ASSAP are you an accredited investigator (please circle)?

Yes / No

Are you an academic (either institutional, i.e., university / college or independent)?

Yes / No

Title of project:

Brief description of project (no more than a five-line statement)

Proposed project start date:

Finish date:

Amount of money requested in total

£.....

Please provide a breakdown showing how the money will be spent (i.e., travel expenses, hiring costs, location fees, materials, library, photocopying etc)?

Is your proposed project dependent on funding from other research bodies as well?

Yes / No

If 'yes' how much money has been contributed from other grant sources?
£.....

Will you be able to carry out your project once you receive funding from ASSAP or do you require other facilities?

Where will the project be carried out?

Please sign below and enclose with this completed form:

- a) **A personal statement (no more than 200 words maximum) giving details of qualifications and experience relevant to the proposal**
- b) **A 200 word abstract of your research proposal – outlining in brief what the project aims to do.**
- c) **A full detailed account of the research proposed (5000 words maximum). This should outline (i) a basic introduction to the topic, (ii) the specific questions / hypotheses to be addressed, (iii) the methods to be used (including methods of analysis and evaluation), an outline as to why this project is important, (iv) planned outlets for publishing / presenting the research.**

By signing this grant application form you are agreeing to the terms set out by ASSAP with regard to its Grant Award Scheme. These terms include (i) ASSAP has the right to publish details (i.e., title of project and brief outline) of award winners in their own publications, (ii) request updated progress information if the project takes time to complete and this may be used to inform members of your progress via ASSAP media, and (iii) ASSAP requests that any publication of results / findings that were gained by this scheme acknowledge the support of ASSAP. Furthermore, all successful candidates must complete an end of award report detailing what work was done and reporting any publications. This report may also be published in ASSAP media

Signed:.....Date:.....

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Personal statement (200 words maximum)

Please provide below a brief personal statement outlining your skills, experience, abilities, & attributes that are relevant to your application.

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Outline of proposed scheme of study

Please provide a detailed account of your proposed study. Provided below are some template headings that may help you organise your proposal. You are free to add or delete headings as you see fit to do so for your particular circumstances and study but the final proposal should not differ too much from this general structure. Also method, results and analysis sections must be completed and should not be deleted. Do not exceed the maximum of 5000 words.

- (1) Title:
- (2) Applicants name
- (3) General Background / introduction to the topic
- (4) Overview of the present study
- (5) Specific research questions
- (6) Methods
- (7) Equipment
- (8) Analysis
- (9) Interpretation
- (10) Publications / outlets for research
- (11) Other support (named fellow researchers / groups)
- (12) References