**THE SOCIETY FOR LIBYAN STUDIES**

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**APPLICATIONS FOR A (SMALL) ONE-OFF RESEARCH GRANT INVOLVING A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL**

**Guidance Notes for Applicants**

The Society for Libyan Studies is able to offer a number of small grants for research projects within its current scheme: *‘Social and cultural interactions across North Africa’*. Such research should be clearly defined, although may form a discrete element within a larger project. All projects should, in some way, have a relation to Libya as well as other countries within the region (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Niger, Mali, Chad, Sudan): interactions with Malta and Crete and other regions of Southern Europe will also be considered. The Society will consider applications within the broad range of Humanities and Social Sciences.

NB: the Society is unable to fund PhD fees or living costs, but we can fund specific elements of a PhD project such as fieldwork or visits to particular resources.

Research may take place within the region, or be UK-based, depending on its nature. Small grants will normally be within the range **up to £3,000**. Applications may form a contribution to a larger project, in which case it should be clear which element is being funded, and may be dependent on success with other funding bodies.

N.B. It is a requirement of the British Academy, the principal sponsor of the Society and its grants scheme, that all funded projects should ‘advance the UK research endeavour’. This is understood to mean that they must in some sense involve British nationals and/or British institutions.

**Application Deadlines**

Annually, there are **TWO rounds of grants and TWO application deadlines**: applications for the first round of grants must be received by the General Secretary by **the last day of July** for consideration by the Society’s Research Grants Committee. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the end of October. The deadline for the second round is the **last day of November**, with applicants notified of the outcome by the end of the following February.

**Referees**

Applicants are required to supply the names and contact details of TWO referees, who should be asked to write directly to the Society with an assessment both of the value of the project and of the ability of the applicant to bring it to a successful conclusion. At least one of these referees should not be from the applicant’s own institution. **N.B. It will be the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the Society receives these references by the application deadline: no application will be considered in their absence.**

An application for a new grant from a recipient who has previously received a grant from the Society will not be considered unless the terms of the previous grant (submission of report and accounts) have been fulfilled. **Such a report may be cited in place of ONE of the required references.**

**Publication**

Except by prior agreement, the opportunity of publication (whether as an article in the Society’s journal *Libyan Studies* or as a monograph) shall be offered in the first instance to the Society. If publication elsewhere is anticipated this should be indicated in the application.

**Reporting and Terms**

Any grant awarded must be requested from the Society’s Honorary Treasurer within 12 months of the award being made. A report on the expenditure of the grant money will be required within 12 months of the payment being made. Evidence of a publishable outcome should be presented within 24 months of payment.

**Application Formats**

Applications may be submitted either by post or, preferably, by email. Please complete Form A (see page 3 below) and submit to:

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c/o British Academy, 10-11 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH**

**Tel: +44 (0) 20 3174 2412**

**Email:** [**gensec@societyforlibyanstudies.org**](mailto:gensec@societyforlibyanstudies.org)

FORM A

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| ***Title of project:*** |  |

***Personal data***

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| *Surname of applicant:* |  | | |
| *First name(s):* |  | | |
| *Postal address:* |  | | |
| *Email address:* |  | | |
| *Telephone contact no(s).:* |  | | |
| *Date of birth:* |  | Nationality: |  |
| *Present position or occupation:* |  | | |
| *Academic record (max. 1000 words):* | | | |
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| *Please list up to five selected relevant academic publications:* |  | | |

***Project details***

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| *Date, duration and location of project:* |  |
| *Outline of project (max. 500 words):* | |
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| *Layman’s summary of project (max. 100 words):* | |
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| *If your project involves travel outside the UK, what is the nature of your contacts with host institutions in the target country (e.g. with regard to necessary permissions)?* |  |
| *Proposal for publication (with timescale):* |  |
| *Breakdown of estimated expenditure (including all costs up to the point of submitting a report for publication):* |  |
| *Amount requested from the Society:* |  |
| *Other bodies applied to (with amounts requested):* |  |

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| *Names and contact details of two referees:* |  |
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| *If you have previously received an award from the Society, please indicate the project name and date:* |  |
| *Please state briefly how you heard about this grant scheme:* | (E.g. familiar with Society’s website/policies; web search; departmental contact; other) |
| *Signature and date of application:* |  |