

# THE CURRY FUND OF THE GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION

## GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

### 1. *The Objects of the Fund*

*The primary object of the Fund is to encourage initiatives within geology which might otherwise not be possible, to encourage innovation and, through far-sighted developments, help a wider public to understand and enjoy geology. These aims are pursued through:*

#### a) Geological Publication

(including videos, websites, CDs and television productions) support is available both for publications of the Association (other than the normal costs of the *Proceedings*, the GA Magazine and the Circular); and for publication by other organisations and individuals.

#### b) Geological Conservation

Support is available to organisations (other than the parent Association) undertaking purchase of geological sites for purposes of conservation; to organisations undertaking the clearance, maintenance and recording of sites; and to museums responsible for the curation of geological material.

#### c) Other Initiatives

Support is available for other initiatives and developments, subject to approval of Council, including awards to individuals, but excepting the normal administrative costs of the Association.

### 2. *Grants are not normally made to support*

- a) Expenses of salaried staff working in higher education or other professional geological capacities (but see Paragraph 6 below)
- b) Postgraduate work *for a higher degree*
- c) School or undergraduate *expeditions*
- d) Applications involving *retrospective payment*

### 3. Loans

When an application is received for support for a primarily commercial undertaking (i.e. where the funding will lead to, or support, the sale of goods or services for profit), an award will normally take the form of an interest-free loan repayable within two years.

### 4. Funding of salaried posts

When an application is received for support for a salaried post, Committee will only consider applications that:

- (a) involve commitment of funds for no more than one year
- (b) present evidence that alternative funding sources have been, or are being, approached.

### 5. Research Grants

Small grants may be available to support research of GA members, in cases where a publication in either the *GA Magazine* or the *Proceedings* is planned.

### 6. Overseas Visitors

Committee is willing to consider applications (including travel and accommodation expenses) from overseas visitors. Applications should be supported by a UK sponsor. Preference will be given to visitors from poorly funded research environments.

## **7. Continuing support**

The Fund has a strong record of 'pump-priming' (e.g. RIGS, site recording, etc.) and welcomes opportunities to respond to new initiatives. Applicants should **not** expect however that follow-up funding will automatically be forthcoming.

## **8 Normal levels of grant support**

In recent practice, grants have normally been made for sums between £100 and £3,000.

## **9. Geological information and advice**

Where a grant will be used to present geological information through publication or interpretative display, the Committee will expect applicants to submit text and illustrations *early* in the drafting process and will provide comment and advice as appropriate.

## **10. Acknowledgement**

It is expected that funding will normally result in a tangible outcome in which the Geologists' Association Curry Fund can be acknowledged (e.g. publication, interpretative board, conserved geological specimen, display facility, etc.)

## **11. Payment of Grants and Loans**

When a grant or loan has been offered and accepted, it will not normally be paid until a written request is received from the applicant accompanied by an invoice or receipt for not less than the sum requested.

## **12. Termination of offers**

The offer of a grant or loan normally remains in place for two years. At the end of the two year period any offer that has not been taken up will normally be withdrawn.

- **Applicants must complete the Application Form obtainable from the GA Office or by down-loading from the GA website**
- **The Committee normally meets four times a year - in March, June, September and December. Applications must be received by the following dates**

<b>20 February</b>	<b>for March</b>
<b>20 May</b>	<b>for June</b>
<b>20 August</b>	<b>for September</b>
<b>20 November</b>	<b>for December</b>
- **Applicants wishing for additional information are invited to contact the Secretary of the Curry fund through the GA Office - 0207 434 9298 or [geol.assoc@btinternet.com](mailto:geol.assoc@btinternet.com)**

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## **Other GA grant awarding funds**

*The G.W. Young Fund* - supports the excavation and recording of sections

*The Baker - Arber Fund* - is for fieldwork in general

*The Middlemiss Fund* - is for student fieldwork