

# The Jeremy Willson Research Grant

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## Grant guidelines

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The Jeremy Willson Research Grant is available on an annual basis to undergraduates and recent graduates of Bristol University conducting independent and innovative research relating to geology or environmental science in areas outside the United Kingdom. The grant is funded by the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust.

### *Grant value*

The annual value of the grant will be up to £1,000. The grant may be split between two or more students. Additional funds may be provided at the discretion of the trustees of the JWCT.

### *Eligibility*

The grant recipient should be an undergraduate student or recent graduate of Bristol University. Special consideration will be given to students who are encountering difficulties in raising funds due to personal or family circumstances, participation on research projects or expeditions which aim to provide a tangible benefit to local communities and/or environments and where participation will be of particular benefit to the individual's career. Students participating in expeditions organised by either commercial or charitable organisations charging a joining fee for their services are not eligible for grants.

### *Application and Selection*

Candidates are required to send a proposal for consideration to Professor Stephen Sparks at the School of Earth Sciences at Bristol University by 1 December. This proposal should be no more than three pages long and should include information on the project, how it fits in with the eligibility criteria, any information on other sources of funds being sought, and a justification for the amount requested. If the project involves hazardous activities or work in remote areas then the proposal must include a risk assessment and information to demonstrate that you have taken all necessary steps to conduct the project safely.

Professor Sparks will provide details of one or more suggested grant recipients to the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust and if necessary recommend one candidate for receipt of a grant before 1 February of each year. If Professor Sparks wishes to delay proposal of the recipient/s he should inform the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust in reasonable time prior to this date. The trustees of the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust will make the final decision on the grant recipient and inform Professor Sparks in reasonable time.

### *Use of grant funds*

The grant is intended to contribute directly towards the direct research project or expedition costs.

### *Payment of the grant*

Payment of the grant/s will be made in one cheque to the recipient/s by The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust. The recipient should complete and sign the Grant Form (available from Professor Sparks) and return in reasonable time to The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust.

### *Reporting*

The grant recipient will be expected to provide a copy of the research project or expedition's final report (in Microsoft Word format and hard copy) by the date stated in the Grant Form. Each report (and any publication/s produced) should include an appropriate acknowledgment to The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust. The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust is grateful for any digital photographs that can be provided.

The report should be submitted to Professor Sparks (or other appropriate staff member at Bristol University) for review prior to sending by email transmission and post to the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust. Contact details for The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust can be found at [www.jwct.org.uk](http://www.jwct.org.uk).

### *Publicity*

The grant recipient will be expected to be involved in any publicity relating to the receipt of the grant. This may include photographs and articles being published on The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust website and local and national newspapers.

### *Liability*

The Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust accepts no liability for loss and damage resulting from any activities relating to the award of the grant.

### *The donor*

The funding is provided by the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust. More information can be found at [www.jwct.org.uk](http://www.jwct.org.uk).