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POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANTS APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. General

The IAS Post-Doctoral Research Grants are intended as a seed to assist early-career post-doctoral researchers in either establishing a proof of concept, in order to support applications to national research funding bodies, or to fund areas of a project that were not included in the original project scope.

Up to 4 grants, each to a maximum of €2,500 each, are awarded twice per year to Early Career IAS members – those that have secured their PhD within the previous 7 years.

Applicants should apply for a Post-Doctoral Research Grant via the IAS website. The application requires submission of a research proposal with budget and CV (template provided on the submission webpage), and a signed letter of support from the researcher's supervisor, line manager or Head of School (on a distinct page with official letterhead). After the deadline the submitted applications are evaluated and a final selection is made. Applicants are personally informed by the Office of the Treasurer as to the outcome of their application.

2. Eligibility

- Applicants must be full members of the IAS.
- Applicants must have secured their Ph.D. within the previous 7 years.
- Applicants can only benefit from a Post-Doctoral grant on one occasion.

3. Deadlines and notifications

- Application Deadline 1st session (Spring): **31 March 24h00 Brussels Time (CET, UTC+1)**
- Application Deadline 2nd session (Fall): **30 September 24h00 Brussels Time (CEST, UTC+2)**
- Recipient Notification 1st session: **before 30 June**
- Recipient Notification 2nd session: **before 31 December**

Unsuccessful applicants may reapply during a subsequent application round if the funds needed have not been obtained from other sources during the meantime. In case of a second application, the applicant

should explain how they continued their research without the grant and explain why an IAS grant is still required.

4. Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the following criteria:

- Scientific quality of research, novelty and timeliness, likely output.
- Feasibility.
- Cost effectiveness.
- The scientific and publication track record of the investigator.
- Demonstration that the proposed work cannot be conducted without the grant.
- Researchers that are not supported by substantial funding and are not funded by industry.
- Preference is given to applications for a single purpose (rather than top-ups of other grant applications).

5. Application requirements

Applications must be made via the IAS website, using the template provided on the website and comprising the following elements:

- Research Proposal, maximum 3 pages A4, including:
 - Rationale and scientific hypothesis to be addressed
 - Specific objectives of the research
 - The significance and impact of the proposed research
 - Methodology and approach
 - Research plan
 - A list of pending and previous applications for funds to support this or related research.
- A detailed budget supported by justification for the proposed expenditure, up to 1 page of A4. If other individuals are to be involved with the project, this document must include a clear explanation of their role and costs. If funding in excess of €2,500 is required, then evidence must be provided as to how the balance shall be secured. No advance payments will be allowed.
- CV of the applicant, maximum 2 pages A4.
- A signed letter of support up to one page in length from the researcher's supervisor, line manager or Head of School on official letterhead with the letter writer's title below the signature. The letter must indicate the letter-writer's relationship to the applicant, a statement to the effect that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements for the PDRG program, and provide an evaluation of the capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed research.

Examples of funding

- Direct costs of fieldwork.
- Laboratory analysis.
- Specialist equipment (not computers).

Funding exclusions

The IAS does not offer funding for the following costs:

- Investigator's salary costs.
- Travel to attend a scientific conference, workshop or exhibition.

- Core funding or overheads for institutions.
- Student tuition fees and summer research bursaries.

6. Deliverables

- The grant will only be transferred to active IAS members after the receipt of the scientific report and a proof of expenses, within the year after acceptance of the grant.
- The short scientific report (3-4 pages, including figures) details on the results that were obtained with the grant. Where a publication is produced then this may be submitted in lieu of a report.
- The proof of expenses will be made in agreement with the financial details mentioned in your application and gives a clear overview of the costs (using a table), including documentation (pdf copies). In case of currency conversion to EUR, please add an appropriate exchange rate documentation (e.g. using <https://www1.oanda.com/currency/converter/>).
- The IAS should be acknowledged in all reports, presentations and publications produced as a result of the awarded grant.
- It is expected that any publications resulting from the sponsored research will be offered for consideration in one of the journals of the IAS (Sedimentology, The Depositional Record, Basin Research)

Submitting your grant request implies that you have read, and agree, with these terms.