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Near Surface Geophysics Group Postgraduate Fieldwork Fund 2019

The Near Surface Geophysics Group is a special interest section of the Geological Society of London. NSGG aims to advance, encourage and support the study and practice of near-surface geophysics. Areas of interest include environmental investigations and monitoring, archaeology, engineering, forensic science, mineral exploration, hazard assessment and geological mapping, limited to the upper 500 m of the ground surface.

The NSGG Postgraduate Fieldwork Fund provides support for students undertaking a near-surface geophysical survey as part of a postgraduate (MSc, MRes or PhD) research project at a UK institute of further education. NSGG will fund the successful applicant to a maximum of £1000. Successful applications will additionally receive 1-year student membership of The Geological Society, plus registration and travel costs to present at one <u>NSGG research event</u>. In return, we request that the successful applicant produces a poster-style summary of their research for display on the NSGG website.

An Application for Support is limited **strictly** to 2 pages (11pt Arial font). It **must** include:

- An outline of the broader research project,
- A description of the proposed field survey,
- Justification for requested funds, comprising
 - *i*) an itemised budget, including the minimum support required for the survey to be feasible, and
 - *ii)* detail of other funding sources available to the project.
- A maximum of 2 figures, their captions, and a reference list.

Applications should be submitted through email, to <u>postgrad-fund@nsgg.org.uk</u>, plus the applicant's CV and a supporting statement from the research supervisor. Applications will be reviewed by a panel from the NSGG committee. Informal inquiries can be made in advance of the deadline to Dr Adam Booth (<u>a.d.booth@leeds.ac.uk</u>). The deadline for this year's round of support is 17:00 on 17th May 2019. Successful applicants will be informed of the panel's decision no earlier than 3rd June 2019.

Scheme notes

- 1. The applicant should be a PhD, MRes or MSc student, undertaking a near-surface geophysics field project as part of research at a UK institute.
- 2. The application must be supported by the project supervisor.
- 3. Funds will be given in GBP. The maximum that can be awarded one applicant is £1000. NSGG reserve the right, at the discretion of the panel, to award no or multiple awards depending on the applications that are received.
- 4. Only one application to the NSGG Postgraduate Fieldwork Fund can be made in any funding round. Funds must be used within one calendar year of support being awarded.
- 5. The support of the **Geological Society of London** and **NSGG Postgraduate Fieldwork Fund** must be acknowledged in any publications or presentations forthcoming from the project.
- 6. Proposals will be graded primarily according to Research Innovation, Cost Effectiveness and Presentation (40-40-20% weighting). The availability of other funding will also be considered during review.
- 7. No award will be made if no suitable applications are received in any one funding round.
- 8. The panel's decision is final.