

Percy Sladen Memorial Fund Grants Guidelines

The Fund exists to support specific research projects. This means that it does not normally support expeditions, nor does it usually support undergraduates or field work undertaken as part of a PhD or Masters qualifications. In recent years the Trustees have focussed their support on field work in the life and earth sciences, through individual research projects undertaken away from the applicant's usual place of residence. No requirements are laid down as to prior qualifications or nationality.

The Trustees place the strongest emphasis on evidence that sound scientific research is likely to be achieved. For projects involving botanical or zoological collecting, applicants should indicate that the interests of conservation have been taken into account. Where countries allow collecting only under permit, evidence should be given that such permits have been obtained or applied for and that there is compliance with the Convention on Biological Diversity: see <https://www.cbd.int/convention/text/>

The establishment of good relations between those undertaking overseas research and their host countries is also important. Applicants are therefore asked to indicate, wherever appropriate, whether local scientists have been contacted and are aware of the proposed research, with a view to collaborating or giving assistance.

The annual sum available for grants varies according to the income of the Fund, generally grants are given towards a proportion of total costs or for specific costs. Grants to an individual applicant are in the range £500-2000 (Pounds sterling). If larger sums are required, the applicants should seek for support elsewhere and indicate which proportion of total costs are being sought from the Fund.