

David S Jenkinson Fellowship Guidance

Eligibility: This grant is only available to early career scientists who are Members of the British

Society of Soil Science and resident in the United Kingdom. The grant can only be used to fund a visit by a UK researcher overseas.

Description: The British Society of Soil Science's 'David S Jenkinson

Fellowship' is a competitive award created to celebrate the research of Dr David S Jenkinson FRS. The purpose of the Fellowship is to support early career soil scientists in furthering their academic endeavours with support for international research visits from the UK to a collaborating organisation in an area of soil science that reflects the diverse interests of David's own research. In doing so the Society wishes to foster new collaborative relationships between UK-based soil scientists and internationally-acclaimed research organisations and soil scientists. Through this, we hope to build enduring scientific relationships, to enhance career development, and to support UK soil science.

The award is offered annually to early career postdoctoral scientists within the first five years post-PhD award. The Society recognises that this group of scientists has few opportunities to apply for grants and is a group that David very much enjoyed mentoring and encouraging.

Value: Up to £5000 to cover travel and subsistence primarily. The proposed project will normally involve research activities carried out at the host organisation, with the possibility of follow-up work in the UK or on a subsequent visit. Hosts must be outside of the UK, but are otherwise unrestricted.

Application Deadlines: The closing date is 31st July each year. Announcements of the results will be made at the Society's Annual Meeting and awarded for the following calendar year.

Conditions: There will be one Fellowship awarded per calendar year.

Post-doctoral scientists within 5 years of their PhD award data can apply for the Fellowship.

An applicant who has submitted their PhD to their University and who is awaiting their viva can apply. If successful, they must have had a successful viva before taking up the award.

Applications will be evaluated by the BSSS Grants Committee and all decisions are final. There are no restrictions on the type of soil science research activities that the scientist can carry out under this award; e.g. this can be for laboratory or field work or for scientific



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consultation and development of research ideas. The primary requirement is that the applicant must be able to demonstrate that the research visit will further their career in soil science. The applicant will be required to write an article for the Auger and would be expected to give relevant presentations at the Host organisation and at BSSS Annual meetings.

The topic of soil science that can be supported is unrestricted although it is expected that the topics would address some aspects of soil organic matter or nutrient dynamics, global change, soil ecology as areas of particular interest to David.