

Grants & Awards Committee Chair

The British Society of Soil Science (BSSS) is seeking an Grants & Awards Committee Chair to join its Council. The Grants & Awards Committee Chair will join the Council for a three-year term from 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2026.

The BSSS is the UK's leading body in the area of soil science with a global reach. We strive to secure the future of soils by promoting an enhanced understanding of the critical importance of soils in delivering the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals and supplying knowledge, through our science to support efforts to halt and repair soil degradation. We aim to make a positive difference in the sustainable management and long-term security of soils that is critical to solving the environmental and societal challenges we face today. The Society is a registered charity.

The Grants & Awards Committee Chair would join our Council, which is responsible for the delivery of the Society's [strategic plan 2020 – 2025](#) which seeks to:

1. Publicise the key issues for the soil science community
2. Promote change through knowledge exchange across all aspects of soil science
3. Host conferences and meetings focused on soils
4. Support and encouraging the education of soil science
5. Inspire the future generations of soil scientists
6. Ensure high standards of professional practice for those working with soils
7. Lead on the social and environmental responsibilities of a contemporary society.

The Grants & Awards Committee is a small, friendly committee whose primary focuses are to support members and the general public to access grants and awards from the Society which would either enhance their soil science careers, support the teaching of soil science or increase the profile of soil science to a wider audience.

With the support of the BSSS Executive Officer, the Grants & Awards Committee Chair would be expected to:

- Chair the Grants & Awards Committee, and work with them to achieve the deliverables on the strategic plan which directly relate to the committee's Terms of Reference
- Provide advice and guidance to Council, which meets four times a year, on existing Grants & Awards Committee activities and propose future activities and associated budgets
- Develop and maintain external connections which support the Grants & Awards Committee in fulfilling its objectives.

It is expected that successful delivery in the post would require approximately 12 – 15 days per annum.

The role is unremunerated, although reasonable expenses will be paid.

Person Specification

- Commitment to the organisation and its objectives
- Willingness to devote the required time and effort to fulfil their duties as a Council member
- A starter-finisher with the ability to follow an idea through to delivery
- Good independent judgement and the ability to think creatively
- Prepared to express their opinion, whilst working as part of a team.

Further Information

For an informal discussion about the role and its responsibilities please contact Sarah Garry, Executive Officer via sarahgarry@soils.org.uk

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