

## Grants: Guidelines and Eligibility Criteria

The document below outlines the guidelines and eligibility criteria for each of the grants offered by the British Society of Soil Science (BSSS). All grant applications will be reviewed without bias, and personal details and location will be redacted. If you have any queries regarding our grants after reading this document, please contact [admin@soils.org.uk](mailto:admin@soils.org.uk).

### *Brian Chambers Soils Fund*

<b>Eligibility</b>	This grant is available to support students or early career scientists based in the UK, who are studying or researching or are employed in a position where an understanding of soil science, nutrient or manure management, relevant to sustainable agricultural production in the UK is an important component. Membership of a relevant professional body such as BSSS is not compulsory but is an advantage.
<b>Description</b>	The Brian Chambers Soils Fund (BCSF) has been established to recognise the significant contribution of Professor Brian Chambers to soil science and its applications. The aim of the Fund is to help support the training and experience of early career scientists studying or working on applied aspects of soil, nutrient or manure management for sustainable agricultural production in the UK. The aim of the Fund is to ensure that essential applied soil science skills and knowledge are sustained for the future. Applicants will be able to apply for a funded place at one of the annual <a href="#">BSSS Working with Soil training courses</a> .
<b>Value</b>	Grants will normally be awarded of between £250 and £2,500. The fund aims to be flexible and exceptional requests may be considered.
<b>Application Deadlines</b>	Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis and applicants will be notified of the outcome within 28 days of the review. As there are limited funds available,

	applicants are encouraged to apply earlier in the year to ensure funds remain available.
<b>Funded activities may include:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no restrictions on the type of activity for which a grant is requested e.g. desk based, laboratory or field research, a technical exchange visit or conference attendance</li> <li>• Applications which take place outside of the UK will be eligible but the activity must be relevant to the BCSF technical areas and their application to sustainable agricultural production in the UK</li> <li>• Conference or training fees, travel and subsistence costs, hire of facilities, purchase of equipment or materials and other justifiable costs will be considered.</li> </ul>
<b>The following must be met for the application to be considered:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant must be able to demonstrate that the award will help to further their knowledge and career.</li> </ul>
<b>The following applications will not be considered:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School grounds development.</li> </ul>
<b>Further Information</b>	All applicants must agree to the grant <a href="#">Terms and Conditions</a> set out on the BSSS website.

### *David S Jenkinson Knowledge Exchange Grant*

<b>Eligibility</b>	This grant is only available to Early Career members of BSSS. The grant can only be used to fund a visit by a UK researcher overseas.
<b>Description</b>	The David S Jenkinson Knowledge Exchange Grant celebrates the research of Dr David S Jenkinson FRS. The purpose 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

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Value</b>	<p>Up to £5,000 to cover travel and subsistence primarily.</p> <p>The proposed project will usually involve research activities carried out by the host organisation, with the possibility of follow-up work in the UK or on a subsequent visit. Hosts must be outside the UK, but are otherwise unrestricted.</p>
<b>Application Deadlines</b>	31 July
<b>Funded activities may include:</b>	There are no restrictions to the type of soil science research activities that the scientist can carry out under this award, e.g. this could be used for laboratory or field work, for scientific consultation or the development of research ideas.
<b>The following must be met for the application to be considered:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must be within five years post-PhD or have submitted their PhD to their university and be awaiting their viva. If successful, they must have had a successful viva before claiming their award</li> <li>• Applicants must demonstrate that the visit will further their careers in soil science</li> <li>• Applicants should give relevant presentations to the international host organisation as part of their work</li> <li>• Although topics are unrestricted, applications which address topics which were of keen interest to David S Jenkinson are preferred. These topics</li> </ul>

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	are: soil organic matter, nutrient dynamics, global change and soil ecology.
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Further Information	All applicants must agree to the grant <a href="#">Terms and Conditions</a> set out on the BSSS website.

### *Field Equipment Grant*

Eligibility	This grant is only available to primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions or organisations delivering soil science education within the United Kingdom.
Description	This grant is designed to enable institutions or relevant organisations to buy field equipment to aid in the instruction and understanding of soil science.
Value	Up to £1,000
Application Deadlines	Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis and applicants will be notified of the outcome within 28 days of the review. As there are limited funds available, applicants are encouraged to apply earlier in the year to ensure funds remain available.
The following must be met for the application to be considered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the equipment purchased will provide a worthwhile experience of soil science and be used to provide training and experience in the use of basic field skills</li> <li>The applicant must be in charge of the project and have full institutional support</li> </ul>
The following applications will not be considered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School grounds development.</li> </ul>

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### *Innovation Grant*

<b>Eligibility</b>	This grant is only available to primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions or organisations delivering soil science education within the United Kingdom.
<b>Description</b>	<p>This grant is available to encourage teachers within primary, secondary and tertiary settings or within organisations delivering soil science education, to develop innovative ways of incorporating soil science into lessons. The aim of the grant is to promote good practice in teaching soil science and to support teaching that is innovative, inspiring and intellectually stimulating.</p> <p>The grant is available to enable teachers to develop and resource innovative teaching and learning activities and/ or to undertake research to evaluate methods of teaching soil science. This can be achieved in many different ways and can include projects based in or outside the classroom.</p>
<b>Value</b>	Up to £500
<b>Application Deadlines</b>	Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis and applicants will be notified of the outcome within 28 days of the review. As there are limited funds available, applicants are encouraged to apply earlier in the year to ensure funds remain available.
<b>The following must be met for the application to be considered:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the proposed activity will provide a worthwhile experience of soil science</li> <li>• The applicant must be in charge of the project and have full institutional support</li> </ul>

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The following applications will not be considered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School grounds development.</li> </ul>
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### *Early Career Conference Grant*

Eligibility	This grant is only available to Early Career members of the British Society of Soil Science.
Description	This grant is available to support Early Career members, by covering some of the cost of attending relevant national and international conferences and workshops, either in person or virtually.
Value	Up to £500
Application Deadlines	Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis and applicants will be notified of the outcome within 28 days of the review. As there are limited funds available, applicants are encouraged to apply earlier in the year to ensure funds remain available.
The following must be met for the application to be considered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications will be considered from all Early Career members, including but not limited to undergraduates, Master of Research and PhD (all years) students and those in employment. Priority will be given to final year PhD students for international meetings.</li> <li>Only applicants who have applied to deliver either a poster or oral presentation contributor, will be considered and awards may be approved in principle before confirmation of poster or oral presentation is received</li> <li>Applicants will receive their funding once confirmation of poster or oral presentation has been received</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants may only be awarded one grant per calendar year and a maximum of two awards per person.</li> </ul>
<b>The following applications will not be considered:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course or tuition fees</li> <li>• Applications to attend BSSS meetings or events, which are already subsidised for Early Careers members</li> <li>• Applications completed after the conference or workshop has taken place</li> <li>• Applications for conferences taking place at the same time as the BSSS Annual Meeting or Early Career Conference.</li> </ul>
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