

Small-grant schemes for BAS members

The BAS welcomes applications to its two small-grant schemes to support arachnological research and education. The scope of the schemes and the application procedures are outlined below.

All applications must include details of how the aims and objectives of the Society would be furthered or other benefits to the Society realised.

Successful applicants for either grant will be required to produce a written report which may be in the form of an article for the BAS *Newsletter* or a paper for our scientific journal *Arachnology* (to be agreed when the grant is awarded). The grant must be acknowledged in any publication arising from the work. Claimants must also provide any records resulting from the grant to the appropriate BAS Recording Scheme, in suitable format.

It is not the intention that either grant scheme will contribute towards any project that will result in commercial gain for the applicant.

BAS Research and Survey Grants

Applications are invited from BAS members for grants to support travel, subsistence and specialist equipment costs for research, survey and monitoring work on UK arachnid species. Examples include support for surveys of the current status of arachnid species (potentially including molecular work), autecological studies or manipulative experiments to understand a species' ecological or micro-habitat requirements, and behavioural projects. Note that we do not normally support the purchase of basic equipment required for the routine examination of arachnids, such as microscopes and lighting systems. Typical grants would be in the region of £500-£2,500, depending on the merits of the case submitted. The BAS has a finite sum of money that can be allocated to grants each year.

Applicants should provide a one page summary of the project, which should include the rationale, methodology and timetabling of project elements including reporting. In addition, it should describe how the proposed work would lead to a better understanding of the UK arachnid fauna or other benefits to the Society. The application should also include a detailed budget (not greater than one page) explaining whether other, named, funding sources are expected to contribute to the delivery of the proposal. We may ask for supplementary information, particularly for larger proposals.

All applications will be considered on their comparative merits and within an overall annual budget but every endeavour will be made to support applications which further the aims and objectives of the Society. We particularly welcome applications relevant to arachnids of conservation concern.

Occasionally BAS have specific projects relating to fieldwork for the Spider Recording Scheme and other organisations for which appropriate expenses can be claimed.

Ted Locket Grants for attending conferences and courses

Applications are invited from BAS members for grants to assist with travel and other expenses relating to attendance at recognised conferences or participation in a recognised training event within the UK and relating to UK species. Grants would typically be in the region of £100-£500, exceptionally up to £1000.

The applicant should supply: details of the conference, a breakdown of costs, a very brief outline of the relevance of the conference to their work, and how this will benefit the Society (the latter can include submission of an article to the Society's *Newsletter* or a paper to *Arachnology*). Preference will be given to applicants who intend to present a poster or talk. Applications for travel outside the UK will be considered on the merits of the case presented.

For attendance at a training event, the applicant should supply: details of the event including the expected outcome, a breakdown of costs, a brief outline of their background and arachnological intentions, and how the knowledge gained will be applied to the benefit of the Society.

Applications for both Grant schemes should be made to the Honorary Secretary. Awards can be made before the project/travel arrangements start but for larger grants payments might be staggered.