



RESEARCH FUNDING AWARD GUIDELINES

This scheme is intended to support BAVS members in undertaking research of relevance to Victorian Studies.

The maximum sum available is £625 per project.

Criteria for applying:

- All applicants must be current members of BAVS at the time of applying.
- Applications to the Research Funding Award are open to Postgraduate Research Students, and Postdoctoral and Early Career Researchers who do not hold a permanent academic or museum-based position and who do not have access to institutional funds. Early Career Researchers for this Award must have received their PhD not more than three years before the closing date of this application form.
- Following an unsuccessful application, the same applicant can apply with the same project only once.
- The Award is intended to contribute to research expenses, for example travel, accommodation, photocopying, specialist research services and specialist equipment and software (this does not include the renewing of general computing equipment). The Award is not intended to be applied retrospectively so the proposed activities must not yet have taken place.
- Conference attendance, teaching relief, course fees, living costs and copyright/reproduction costs for publications are not eligible to be covered by this grant.

Additional information for applicants:

Applicants are encouraged to provide enough information about the research and their own circumstances to enable the selection committee to make a judgement on the criteria as indicated. This includes documents proving the career stage of the applicant. For early career researchers, a scan of the PhD certificate is also required to confirm the eligibility criteria are met.

Recipients of the funding award will be expected to provide a short report of the activity carried out for the BAVS newsletter and to acknowledge BAVS support in any resulting publications.

Postgraduate applicants should also secure a letter of support from either their Head of Department or PhD supervisor, which can be sent directly to the Funding Officer by the deadline, or included with the application.

Review process:

All applications received at the closing date will be checked by the Funding Officer in the first instance and any further information/omitted materials requested from the principal applicant within 7 days.

Following the eligibility check, all eligible applications will be reviewed by a sub-group of the BAVS Executive Committee (details of Committee members can be found on the BAVS website). A funding outcome will normally be communicated to applicants by the Funding Officer within six weeks of the competition closing date (for November applications, this does not include the Christmas period).

Applications for the grant will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- The quality of the funded activity.
- The significance of the award in furthering the career of the award-holder.
- The wider significance of the funded activity for scholars working in Victorian Studies.
- The availability (or lack) of potential alternative sources of funding.

- Previous grants to institutions and/or individuals. While a recent successful application from an institution or individual does not preclude the award of another grant, BAVS generally aims to distribute grants across different institutions and countries.

Application deadlines:

Two rounds of funding are available each year. The deadlines are **April, 30th** and **October, 31st** at **5pm (UK time)**. The submission form will close at that time and no further applications will be accepted. It is applicants' responsibility to ensure that all application materials are submitted by the deadline.

Please find the application form for the current round of application at the link: <https://bavs.ac.uk/funding/>

For preliminary inquiries, further information, or for any doubt, do not hesitate to get in touch!

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