



BSBI Plant Study Grant - Details

Aim

Plant Study Grants (PSGs) are given to promote study of the **British or Irish vascular or charophyte flora** by both undergraduate and postgraduate students. They are intended for undergraduates who wish to continue working on botanical projects in the summer vacation prior to their final year and for self-funding postgraduate students to assist with their registration fees for MScs or PhDs where alternative sources of funding are inadequate. PSGs are only given to individuals, not to organisations. The grant covers up to a maximum of £1000 in one year.

Undergraduate PSGs.

For undergraduates it is anticipated that this grant will support a project that is part of a degree course (e.g. honours project) with the grant providing subsistence of £250 per week up to a maximum of four weeks during time outside of normal term. Alternatively the grant could be used as a contribution towards the cost of consumables.

How to apply: Applicants must submit a letter of application by email to Sarah Whild, email: sarah.whild@bsbi.org

1. Name, address, contact details.
2. The title of the project.
3. The location where the work will be undertaken and details of supervision and of necessary permits obtained.
4. When the work will take place and the proposed completion date of the study.
5. A concise outline of the project including its aims and methods, including its relevance to the British or Irish vascular or charophyte flora.
6. The total amount sought from the BSBI.
7. Details of availability of equipment or other facilities (if applicable).
8. Brief curriculum vitae (qualifications, employment) including the final degree title, the modules undertaken to date (with marks where available) and the names of future modules to be taken.
9. Any additional information that may support your application.
10. Details of any other funding applied for (successful or otherwise).

Applications must be supported by two academic referees, at least one of whom should be the project supervisor or student mentor at host institution. This referee should verify that the proposal is part of a university project and that the institution will provide facilities (bench space, library facilities etc.) during the period of the project and that, if subsistence is being sought, the work will be undertaken outside of normal term time.

The grant will be payable shortly before the study period or once consumable fees are due. See also general comments below.

Postgraduate PSGs

For postgraduates it is intended that the PSG will provide support for the whole or part of the annual fees. Additional assistance for transport and consumables costs may be sought from the BSBI's Science & Research Committee – please contact the Secretary to the Committee Louise Marsh, email: louise.marsh@bsbi.org for further guidance

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1. Name, address, contact details.
2. The title of the project.
3. The location where the work will be undertaken and details of supervision and of necessary permits obtained.
4. When the work will take place and its anticipated completion date.
5. A concise outline of the project including its aims and methods, including its relevance to the British or Irish vascular or charophyte flora and its progress to date.
6. The total amount sought from the BSBI.
7. Details of availability of equipment or other facilities (if applicable).
8. Brief curriculum vitae (qualifications including details of undergraduate award and employment).
9. Any additional information that may support your application.
10. Details of any other funding applied for (successful or otherwise).

In addition to the details above, such applications also need to outline how the student is supporting themselves during the period of study and also include a letter from the host institution detailing annual fees

Applications must be supported by two academic referees, at least one of whom should be the project supervisor. This referee should verify that the proposal is a postgraduate research project and that the institution will provide facilities (bench space, library facilities etc.) during the period of the project. Confirmation that the student is not in receipt of a financial award towards living expenses from any other organisation is also required.

The grant will be payable once fees are due. See also general comments below.

General Comments

PSGs are given to an individual student who is responsible for completion of a report to the BSBI. However there is no objection to any subsequent paper having co-authors.

Successful applicants will be expected to submit a report on the work undertaken, preferably in electronic format. Information about the timing of these will be given to successful applicants. The inclusion of relevant photographs, tables and figures in the report is encouraged. Successful applicants are also encouraged to present their work at a suitable conference (e.g. BSBI Recorders Conference, Ecological Genetics Group annual conference) and at BSBI's Annual Exhibition Meeting, and to submit work for publication in *British & Irish Botany*, BSBI's scientific journal, or other suitable journal. The BSBI Training and Education Committee will be happy to provide advice on suitable conferences and journals. Successful applicants are also invited to submit an informal report on their work for publication on BSBI's News & Views blog.

Published papers, conference presentations, reports to other organisations etc., should include an acknowledgement of the support from the BSBI.

Other conditions, which may be deemed necessary, may be attached to the award of a grant. If you have also applied to the BSBI's Science & Research Committee for funding, please enclose a copy of your application form.

There is no formal closing date but please be aware that there are a limited number of grants available.