

## **BSBI Science & Research Committee: grants for 2024**

The BSBI, through its Science and Research Committee, runs a small grants scheme to support research to enhance knowledge of the flora of Britain and Ireland. Applications are now being taken for 2024 and will remain open until 31<sup>st</sup> January. Each grant is typically around £500 but up to a maximum of £1000.

Applications are invited from PhD students, academic researchers and amateur botanists working on research; applicants need not be members of the BSBI. Each project should have a scientific remit – i.e. an attempt to find out something by conducting research. Pure data gathering projects are not encouraged.

The scientific remit of the scheme includes: taxonomy, systematics and evolution; ecology, including autecological, physiological and phenological studies; population and ecological genetics; phytogeography/phylogeography; plant/animal interactions, including plant biochemistry; and conservation biology.

Activities eligible for funding include: travel and subsistence for field-work, visits to herbaria, botanic gardens and other scientific institutions; specimen preparation; scientific equipment, consumables and laboratory services; purchase of hardware and software for data handling; publication costs (preparing camera-ready copy, preparation of illustrations, printing).

Successful applicants would be expected to provide BSBI with their raw data; they would also be invited to share the results of their research at the British & Irish Botanical Conference (our main annual event) and/ or on the BSBI website, and we would expect to see some sort of publication as the outcome of any grant awarded, even if it is just a report in *BSBI News*. It can take several years to get to this stage, however, so we do not make this a condition of awarding the grant.

Applications for 2024 should be submitted in writing to [Louise Marsh](#) (Secretary to the Committee) by midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and will then be collated and passed on to members of the Science and Research Committee for consideration. Awards will be announced within eight weeks of the closing date and successful applicants notified by email. All grants must be claimed in full within one year.

Please use this form to send us your application. Make sure you fill in all the sections below and try to keep your application to no more than two sides of A4. Attach a separate CV if that helps.

Name:

Postal address:

Email address:

Title and summary of proposed project (Try to describe the objective succinctly; say why the proposed work is important, give a brief methodology and state what you hope the outcome will be):

Current position/employment:

Any relevant qualifications:

Name & email address of a reviewer qualified to comment on your proposal:

Amount requested:

Total budget needed, plus details of any other funding you are receiving for this project:

Are you a BSBI member?

NB Non-members are eligible to apply but BSBI reserves the right to prioritise its members if there is competition for grants.

Have you applied for any other funding for this research, e.g. from other sources or for a BSBI Plant Study Grant? Please specify.

Thank you for completing this application form, now please sign and date it (below) and email it to [louise.marsh@bsbi.org](mailto:louise.marsh@bsbi.org)

If successful, I agree to abide by the [BSBI Code of Conduct](#) and to provide any records (raw data) to the BSBI.

Signed:

Date: