

## **RUSSELL TRUST AWARDS 2017**

### *Guidelines*

Russell Trust Awards are made to postgraduate students who require funds in order to support travel costs connected with their research. Funds are only awarded to 'active' projects: for example, participation in scientific expeditions overseas has in the past been made possible by an award from the Trust, but attendance at a meeting or conference is not eligible for support. Awards are made only for the costs of **travel** – not to assist with the payment of tuition fees, accommodation or any other expenses incurred from your trip. To be considered for an award, students must be registered for a research degree at the University. Students registered for taught degree programmes (Postgraduate Diploma, MSc, MRes, MLitt) are ineligible to apply.

A project must have the support of the student's supervisor and of the appropriate Head of School/Department, whose permission must be sought before the application is made. Approval must also be obtained from the public grant-giving body, if any, responsible for financing the applicant's research. Since the funds available each year are limited, competition for an award is quite intense, and you need to be able to demonstrate the following:

- (a) You have an exciting and innovative research project to pursue outside St Andrews;
- (b) You have the full backing of your supervisor; and
- (c) You require the award to enable you to go.

Very often the Trust provides a 'top-up' grant: i.e. the student obtains money from another source, but it is insufficient to enable the trip to take place without a little more from the Russell Trust. Applicants should be aware that the maximum amount that can be awarded to any one student is £1,500.

Former recipients of funds from the Russell Trust are not eligible to apply.

Applications should usually relate to travel planned during 2017 through to early 2018, however, retrospective applications may be considered at the discretion of the Trust.

The application form can be found at:

<https://sparc.st-andrews.ac.uk/giving/trusts/russelltrustpostgrad>

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **12 noon on Wednesday 12 April 2017**.



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### References

Along with the application form you are required to submit references from **TWO** referees in support of your project - one of which should be from your research supervisor. References should be submitted via the online form by the same deadline, **12 noon on Wednesday 12 April 2017**.

Please note that applications submitted without references or after the closing date will not be considered.

### Interviews

Applicants should be aware that interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held in May. It is possible to arrange interview by telephone or Skype for students who will not be in St Andrews.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email.

Successful applicants can expect to receive their funds in June.

Any questions or queries should be directed to the Stewardship Assistant in the Development Office: [stewardship@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:stewardship@st-andrews.ac.uk) or Ext 2109.