

THE SOCIETY FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCES



SAS RESEARCH SUPPORT

Program Description

The Society for Archaeological Sciences (SAS) announces a new, more flexible, research funding program to support the work of its student and early career members during the COVID-19 pandemic. The *SAS Research Support* temporarily replaces the existing Student Research International Travel Award and a Postdoctoral Conference Travel Award that was to have debuted in 2020. In light of most in-person conferences, symposia, and workshops being postponed or canceled, we have decided to channel the budget that was originally allocated for the two above travel awards to a more flexible research funding scheme to cover laboratory and fieldwork expenses (for details, see below).

Eligibility

- The applicants must be either graduate students (Master's or Doctoral) or early career researchers. In the latter case, they must have been awarded their PhD within the previous eight years at the time of application. Exceptions may be made for the applicants with a career break, such as but not limited to parental leave, long-term illness or disability, or national service. The circumstances for exceptions must be clearly indicated in the application.
- The award is only open to graduate students and early career researchers who are current dues-paid members of The Society for Archaeological Sciences at the time of application.

Application Procedure

- Applications for the award should be submitted **by 20 June or by 20 December 2021** and must be made before the analyses and field research take place.
- An application should consist of
 - ✓ a standard *curriculum vitae* of the graduate student/early career researcher,
 - ✓ a (max.) two-page proposal describing the research objectives and methodology, the justification of budget, and plans of disseminating the results, and
 - ✓ one recommendation letter from the academic/professional supervisor of the applicant.

Eligible expenses for this award include laboratory analytical fees and consumables, software licenses, imagery and geospatial products, delivery costs (for mailing the samples through reliable couriers), fieldwork and research travel expenses, including transportation and accommodation costs and consumables for field research (excl. food supplies).

- Applicants should provide an agreement with the laboratories where the analyses will be carried out in form of email correspondence and/or other written notifications, or the relevant permits indicating that you are allowed to carry out field research.
- Applications should be addressed to the SAS President (<http://www.socarchsci.org/board.html>) and sent via e-mail as combined pdf (with the following order: CV, research proposal, additional documentation) to the SAS General Secretary (sasgensecretary@gmail.com). Reference letters must be sent directly to the General Secretary by the relevant deadline (20 June / 20 December 2021). Potential applicants may contact Evangelia Kiriatzi, SAS President-elect (e.kiriatzi@bsa.ac.uk), for further information.

Evaluation Procedure

- Proposals will be evaluated by a committee selected by the President of The Society for Archaeological Sciences, including, if necessary, suitable referees chosen from the membership of the Society.
- The committee evaluates the eligibility and merit of the application for support of the candidate. The criteria used will be the record of the candidate, the letter of recommendation, and the scientific merit and potential career impact of the proposal. The amount granted is determined by the committee, according to funds available, but shall not exceed \$500 USD per award. SAS has allocated a maximum of \$1500 to each cycle of this funding program¹.

Terms and Conditions of the Award

- The successful applicant is committed to submitting a brief summary of the results of analyses and/or field investigation to the SAS Bulletin no later within one year after the award is made to the recipient.
- No redress against the decision of the committee is possible.
- The award will be made in advance of the applicable research, but the awardee must send copies of all relevant receipts to the General Secretary of The Society for Archaeological Sciences within one month of the conclusion of the event. If the awardee submits receipts that sum to a total less than the amount awarded by the Society, then the awardee is obligated to return the difference to the Society at the time of receipt submission.
- Failure to comply with these terms and conditions will result in the renunciation of the award, including the return to The Society for Archaeological Sciences of the full value of the funds dispersed and a ban on the awardee from future participation in all awards and competitive opportunities sponsored by the Society.

¹ At least one award will be given to a graduate student and one to an early career researcher for each round of competition. However, if we only receive applications from graduate students for a specific round, all three awards will be granted to graduate students, and vice versa. In case no outstanding proposals are submitted to a specific round of competition, the fund allocated will be repurposed for the next round.