1 OBJECTIVE

To define the process for the nomination and award of Society grants from its designated funds.

2 SCOPE

This Regulation covers the procedures for consideration of applications for a grant from the Society's funds.

3 PROCEDURE

3.1 The award of research grants shall be made annually. Applications must be supported by a supporting statement from a supervisor or co-investigator with suitable knowledge of the applicant's work. Applicants are encouraged to become Fellows ahead of their application. but must be Fellows in order to receive a grant as awarded by the panel.

3.2 The closing date for the receipt of applications will normally be 23:59 on the first Friday in February each year. However, a later deadline date can be set if it allows appropriate time for processing the applications.

3.3 Applications for funds from the Distinguished Geologists Memorial Trust will be considered by a working group comprising the Science Secretary, the Director Science and Communications as a representative of the Executive Team, the Chair or member of the Professional and Chartership Committee.

3.4 All other applications for grants will be also considered a working group chaired by the Science Secretary and comprising the Director of Science and Communications as a representative of the Executive Team and at least one other member of Council as well as others with appropriate expertise. The working group will consider the applications and the level of grant to be made, if any. In considering the applications, the working group will have regard to the criteria as set out in Annex A.

3.5 A full list of the applications received and the grants made will be notified to Council.

4 REVIEW

This Regulation will be reviewed at intervals of not more than three years to ensure that it is still current and fit for purpose.

Regulation G-15: Revision History and Triennial Review				
Issue Nr	**Revision Date**		**Review Date**	**Revision / Review Outcome**
1	**30/05/2002**		**—**	**Initial Issue**
2	—		—	Revised to incorporate a single annual bidding round, correct title of 'Distinguished Geologists' Memorial Trust' and added 'Mike Coward Fieldwork Fund'. Minor amendments related to age- and gender discrimination
3	28/11/2012		—	Revised to make more amendments to age discrimination
4	04/04/2022		04/04/2022	Revised content: change requirement for grant recipient to be a Fellow to receive funds but not to apply; reduce requirement to one supporting statement from a suitably qualified Fellow or non-fellow; revised composition of the working group; link to website for current grant funds available; flexibility re deadline date; amounts awarded to allow for inflation; and revised wording to be inclusive of all gender identities.
			April 2026	*Next review date*

Criteria for Society Grants Annex A

The Fellows, Awards Committee, Working Groups and Council shall, in nominating and selecting recipients of Society Grants, be guided by the original terms of awards and shall take due regard of current statute regarding award. Any reference to the male or female gender shall be deemed to include all genders

The current Designated Funds of the Society, conditions of eligibility and other conditions can be found on our website: https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/grants

Applications should be addressed to the Awards Secretary at the Geological Society. They should be accompanied by a statement of the programme of work intended, the sum requested and a supporting statement from a supervisor or co-investigator with suitable knowledge of the applicant's work.

In order to be considered at the next available committee meeting, applications and supporting statement should reach the Society no later than 23:59 on the first Friday in February. Note: A later deadline date can be set if it allows appropriate time for processing. The average award has been about £1500 but may vary with inflation.