



The Power and Postan Fund

PURPOSE

The Power and Postan Fund is awarded to eligible Junior Research Fellows of the Institute of Historical Research, on the recommendation of the Director, to support the cost of organizing and hosting colloquia or travel and accommodation costs accrued when conducting research or attending a conference (funds are available for conference *attendance* – the applicant need not be giving a paper). Up to £6000 will be awarded annually.

ELIGIBILITY

The fund is open to all Junior Research Fellows of the Institute of Historical Research, without regard to nationality or other academic affiliation. There is no restriction on the number of applications a Fellow can submit to the fund within the year (although there are two deadlines by which applications must be received). Individual Fellows are welcome to apply to host multiple colloquia, make multiple research/conference trips, or for funds for a combination of colloquia and travel costs. However, priority may be given to those who have not received Power and Postan funding already within the academic year.

ENTRIES

Applications should consist of a 250-word statement, in English, outlining either:

a) Organizing a colloquium

a proposal for a colloquium the applicant wishes to organize and host, including as much detail as possible (topic, approximate number of speakers, approximate number of attendees, duration, names of possible keynote speakers, catering required, whether or not there would be an evening reception, etc.). The statement should also outline the academic value and impact of the event. Please include a budget detailing the required funds.

or

b) Travel and accommodation costs

the contribution of conference attendance or research plans to the applicant's work or academic development. Please include a budget detailing the required funds.

STIPEND

Organizing a colloquium

Grants up to a maximum of £500 per event will be awarded for each successful application. These funds will typically be used for catering, printing, conference packs and badges, and possibly some travel and accommodation costs for key speakers. Where possible, the Institute will pay these costs up front (rather than reimbursing the applicant after the fact). Applicants will be strongly encouraged to secure matched funding from external sources. In addition to



funds awarded, the IHR will provide room(s) for the event, and administrative support in planning and running the event.

Travel and accommodation costs

Grants up to a maximum of £250 will be awarded for personal travel. In the case of personal applications for travel and accommodation costs, successful applicants will pay their costs up front, and provide relevant receipts. All approved costs will then be reimbursed.

75% of the award will be paid initially; the remaining 25% will be paid once a report on the activity has been submitted.

ASSESSMENT

Decisions on successful applications will be based on:

- The academic value that the activity proposed will have, broadly and/or to the applicant's research or academic / career development;
- The overall cost of the activity relative to that value.

DEADLINES

The competition will be run twice annually. Complete applications, consisting of the statement and budget, must be received at the Institute of Historical Research no later than **3 December 2019** or, for the second round, **17 February 2020**. Incomplete applications or applications arriving after these dates will not be considered.

TO APPLY

- As a first step, applicants should meet with the Fellowships Officer to discuss their plans.
- After this meeting, applications should be emailed to the Fellowships Officer at IHR.Fellowships@sas.ac.uk. Please email the following:

Organising a colloquium

A statement (up to 250 words) and a budget.

Travel and accommodation costs

A statement (up to 250 words) and a budget.

Please make sure all pages are marked with your name and the (working) title of the event / name of activity.

- No references or CV are required.

FINAL REPORT

Successful applicants will be expected to write a short report (an A4 side) on the use made of the award soon after their research visit(s) / activity.