

BABAO Research Grant Applications - FAQs

- **Who is eligible to apply for a BABAO Academic Research Grant?**

All BABAO members with an academic institution willing to support them and who have fully paid their membership by the 31st January of that year. This is a strict deadline, and applications from those who have not renewed their membership by this date, or renewed their membership later than this date, will automatically be disqualified. A £1,000 is available (for research costs only). Please see <https://www.babao.org.uk/grants-and-prizes/research-grants/> for further information and application guidelines.

- **Who is eligible to apply for a BABAO Commercial Research Grant?**

All BABAO members employed in a commercial archaeological company/unit wishing to fund research costs and buy out time to complete a project who have fully paid their membership by the 31st January of that year. This is a strict deadline, and applications from those who have not renewed their membership by this date, or renewed their membership later than this date, will automatically be disqualified. This type is reserved for research conducted by commercial members (up to £2,500: £1000 for research costs and £1500 to buy out time from the employer).

- **I am self-employed, can I still apply?**

Yes! The Small Charities Coalition has confirmed that our members are our beneficiaries, so we are able to give them money for purposes that meet our aims as a charitable organisation. As such, self-employed commercial members can apply for the commercial grant scheme, including buy out time. However, the buy out time must not exceed the maximum set amount of £1,500 regardless of your usual personal rate. You must also take responsibility for factoring in tax, pension, and national insurance contributions when you complete your annual self-assessment tax return.

- **Do I need permission to study the material before I submit the application?**

Yes! It is essential that you have evidence of permission to access material before you submit the application, and additional evidence of permission to undertake destructive analysis where applicable. You will also need your supervisor/line manager to sign the application form. If you are not sure who best to sign this for you, please contact the Grants Secretary for advice.

- **I am not based in the UK, can I still apply for a research grant?**

You do not have to be based in the UK, or undertake your proposed research project in the UK. The only UK-based requirement associated with the grant is that on completion of the project you will need to present your research at an annual BABAO conference within two years of receipt of the award.

- **I am currently between positions, am I still eligible to apply for a grant?**

As long as you have fully paid your membership fee by the 31st January of that year, and have an academic institution willing to support a BABAO Academic Research Grant, then you can still apply. However, please contact the Grants Secretary (grants@babao.org.uk) prior to submitting your application to discuss the best route for you.

For all other questions, please contact the grants secretary (grants@babao.org.uk).