

Scottish Economic Society Small Research Grants Policy

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The Scottish Economic Society makes available small research grants to members of the Society. There are three types of grants available:

1. PhD Student Conference Support. A maximum of £750 is available to those who are presenting an economics-related paper at a research conference. Grants can contribute towards the reimbursement of conference fees, travel expenses and/or accommodation expenses. Awards will be limited to PhD students and applications should include a statement from the host institution demonstrating that the applicant has sought internal funding. This fund is not available to cover the costs of the SES annual conference.

Deadlines: End of Sept, end of January and end of April

2. Early Career Researcher Support. A maximum of £2000 and this could be used to support a small piece of research. There is an emphasis here upon supporting early career researchers (within five years of completing their PhD) and the SES is keen to encourage applications that are co-funded.

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3. Research and Policy Events and Workshops Support. This is capped at £2000 per event/workshop and we encourage applications that have non-academic input. Funds here could be used to fund airfare and accommodation for keynote speakers but also perhaps general catering requirements. We ask that events be as inclusive as possible and open to both academics and those in the policy sphere.

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Application Procedure

Applicants must fill in a short form providing their details, the amounts applied for and details on the purpose of the grant (conference, early career or research and policy workshop) and how funds will be used. Information on whether other sources of funding have been applied or whether there is matched funding needs to be stated. Grants will be evaluated by a subcommittee of the SES Council and awards will be made on a competitive basis.

Applicants are also asked to state their length of SES membership where applicants need to be members for at least 2 years to be eligible. Successful applicants are asked to acknowledge the support of the SES in all subsequent related outputs (e.g. publications, conference papers) and events and workshops.

The SES may request receipts and other documentation as appropriate to check that expenditure has been incurred in line with the application.