Palestine Exploration Fund – Grants Notes

The PEF awards annual grants to current members of the Fund to support research into topics of direct interest to the Fund's stated aims and objectives; to promote research into the archaeology and history, manners and customs and culture, topography, geology and natural sciences of the southern Levant. Because the coronavirus pandemic continues to make much fieldwork very difficult or even impossible for the near future, we are continuing to focus this year on post-field work, publication, and online resources projects. Expenses eligible for funding include lab costs, illustration costs, image license costs, and online resource development. In every other respect the aims of the grants remain the same. Applications relating to publications should give specific details about the nature of the current/intended publication and the parties involved, including, for example, publishers, illustrators, stage of the publication process and expected date of completion.

Awards are generally between £450 and £2,000 and include travel grants for students. To apply please use the application form provided on the PEF's website (or email the Chief Executive; execsec@pef.org.uk) and submit it to the Fund's office by 4pm on the deadline as specified on the PEF website. The Fund regrets that late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Eligibility

Applicants must be current members of the PEF. Although grants are open to all members of the PEF, they have been specifically created to cater for the needs of academics and scholars at an early stage of their career, as well as graduate students. They are designed to support individual, small-scale studies leading to the completion of a set piece of work, such as an article or larger publication. There are no restrictions on the basis of nationality.

Grant Terms and Conditions

The guidelines for eligibility for applicants and projects stipulated on the PEF grants web page must be adhered to. The total sum available for grants in 2022 is £10,000. Applicants are asked to consider this carefully before making an application.

Applicants should be the direct recipients and beneficiaries of the grant. Applications submitted on behalf of others will not be considered.

This year, PEF grants are intended to support direct costs of post-field work data processing and publication. The following expenses are eligible for funding

- Computer hardware, specialist software, books
- Costs associated with laboratory tests or specialist analysis
- Research assistance or short-term costs for specialist staff such as conservators or illustrators
- Publication and online resource development costs

PEF grants will not be awarded to individuals seeking to join training excavations or to supplement individual travel costs to join existing projects with funding from other sources, unless the proposed research has clearly defined and largely separate research aims and objectives.

Grant recipients are required to update the PEF during the course of the project receiving PEF funding.

Grant Reports and Blogs

Grant recipients are required to submit a report for publication in PEQ, and a blog piece. Recipients should also submit a budget outlining the project's expenditure to the PEF within one month of the project's completion. This should be accompanied by original receipts or scans or photocopies of the original receipts.

PEQ Report

A summary report of the research project should be submitted to PEQ. This report should be up to 1000 words long, and with 2-3 supporting illustrations. It should include details of the recipient and the name of the project. The report should also include:

- A brief introduction to the area of research relevant to the project, with relevant references in text, and a bibliography.
- Acknowledgement of the PEF's award, and an indication of how the money was spent (i.e. travel, fieldwork support, etc.)
- A few specific findings with supporting data (images, tables, maps, that are different from what's on the blog)
- General conclusions and next steps for research

  This report should be submitted to the Chief Executive at execsec@pef.org.uk who will forward it to the Grants Chair and the Editor of PEQ.
  Some projects (e.g. those for which the PEF is providing full funding) may merit fuller publication in PEQ as a proper peer-reviewed research article, and the grants committee will make this recommendation or condition to an award where applicable. Publication of a research article in PEQ will be at the discretion of the Editor. Research articles for PEQ should be submitted through the Taylor & Francis article submission system:

- https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=ypeq20&

  Blog Reports

  All grantees must submit an informal blog to be posted on the PEF's 'In the Field' blog. Blogs should be short, snappy and publicly accessible, and feature highlights and personal experience from the work conducted. Blogs should be submitted either during or directly after fieldwork. They should feature text (up to 700 words), images, audio or video showing work in progress or recently completed. Images should be at least 150 dpi, sent as separate image files with captions in the text where they should go. Please provide image credits for all images used, including your own. The blog post and PEQ summary report are reviewed by the Grants Chair. Please submit your PEQ report within 1 month of completion of the post-fieldwork research or the submission of the publication manuscript to the publishers.

Follow our grant researchers in the field by visiting the PEF's website:
https://www.pef.org.uk/features/from-the-field/

Application Form instructions

To apply please fill in one of the application forms downloadable from the PEF's website. Make sure you complete all sections of the form, marking any that are not applicable to you.

Section 1. Please provide details about yourself, including especially a current address for correspondence and email address.

Section 2. Please summarise your education and academic career to date, providing details of degrees gained, institutions attended, dates, and details of any professional qualifications or memberships.

Section 3. Provide a list of your most recent publications which are of relevance to this application. Make sure to provide full bibliographic details (name of books/journals, editors, years, page numbers and publishers).

Section 4. Please provide details about your proposed post-field research work or publication or online resource project

Section 5. Please provide an itemized budget for your proposed project, bearing in mind what kind of expenditures the PEF is willing to fund. Please provide as much detail as possible. List all costs in British Pounds. List all other funding sources you have or are planning to apply for to support this project. Clearly state the sums requested from other sources and, if known, the outcome of any applications.

Section 6. Outline your project in no more than 1,000 words. Please do not attach additional sheets. Provide details of the research background/context, the aims and objectives of the proposed work, its relevant and importance, the methodology you propose to use to address your research aims/questions. Make sure to include other personnel and collaborations, and outline whether research permits have been granted, sought, or will be sought to carry out the work.

Section 7. Provide details about how you plan to disseminate the results of your research (including theses, book chapters, journal papers, website/online content, audio-visual). Please indicate a schedule for these publications.

Section 8. Provide details of two nominated referees.

Section 9. Sign the form.

References Download the reference request form from the PEF website or request it from the Chief Executive. Fill in section 1 of the reference request form and pass the form on to your referees.

It is your responsibility to make sure that the referees forward the completed reference request forms to the PEF by the deadline