

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.

Grants, normally between £450 and £2000, are available to support fieldwork (including archaeology, museum and archival work, etc), as well as post-fieldwork, publication, and public engagement costs. This may include lab costs, illustration costs, image license costs, and website development.

Interdisciplinary applications relating to the Fund's aims, as well as those relating to the PEF's archival collections. Projects must avoid political, religious, or ideological bias, and must respect international laws relating to antiquities and archaeological activity in the Occupied Territories.

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. We welcome, in particular, applications from researchers of Levantine origin or residence. There are no restrictions on the basis of nationality.

Grants are open to all members of the PEF, but are particularly designed to cater for the needs of academics and scholars at an early stage of their career, as well those of as graduate students. Grants aim to support individual, small-scale studies leading to the completion of a set piece of work, such as an article or larger publication. We welcome applications for travel grants for students to undertake a discrete project, but do not support PhD research or its core costs. Repeat applications for the same project will not normally be considered except in exceptional cases.

Grant Terms and Conditions

The guidelines for eligibility for applicants and projects stipulated above must be adhered to.

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

Projects involving human participants (including interviews) or personal data must have ethics approval, including a documented plan for a process of informed consent.

The following expenses are eligible for funding:

- Direct costs of fieldwork, or post-field work data processing and publication
- 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. 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.

The following expenses are not eligible for funding:

- Institutional overheads
- Direct salary costs for applicants
- 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 Reports and Blogs

Grant recipients are required to submit a report for publication in PEQ, and a short blog piece for publication online. 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 may be up to 1000 words, 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 those of 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 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 and will be subject to peer review. 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 in the text. 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 project.

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