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APPLICATIONS FOR BILNAS-ACE ALGERIA RESEARCH GRANT

Guidance Notes for Applicants

Thanks to the generous support of ACE Cultural Tours, BILNAS is able to offer a grant to support students and researchers to undertake or participate in **fieldwork or other research projects in Algeria**. These can encompass all disciplines within the remit of BILNAS, which include, but are not limited to: archaeology, history, art history, geography, natural and social sciences, anthropology, literature, linguistics, and political sciences. The fieldwork or research project should take place physically in Algeria. The maximum amount of the grant is **£1,500**.

Eligibility

Applications to the BILNAS-ACE Algeria Research Grant are open to students enrolled on an undergraduate or postgraduate programme (BA, MA, PhD – or equivalent) at any higher education institution **within or outside the United Kingdom**, and to researchers at any career stage working at a recognised higher education or analogous institution within or outside the United Kingdom. Anyone who has been awarded a BILNAS grant in the past, in any category, cannot reapply for any of the available grants for at least 1 year after the date of acceptance of the previous award. In order to ensure fairness, awards cannot be given to members of the BILNAS Council: should they wish to apply they must resign. **Applicants may be of any nationality.**

What can be funded:

Funds are available for the **direct costs of primary research**, including (at the discretion of BILNAS):

Travel to and/or within Algeria; sustenance during fieldwork/research; essential charges made by local government agencies (e.g., visa costs); fees to participate in fieldwork/research; consumables, including field equipment or laboratory costs; on-site research assistance or short-term costs for specialist staff.

N.B. Costs for attendance at conferences or study programmes are not considered eligible under this scheme.

Referees

Applicants are required to supply the name and contact details of **ONE academic referee**, who should be asked to write directly to BILNAS with an assessment both of the value of the project and of the ability of the applicant to complete it successfully. **The referee can be your dissertation/PhD supervisor, personal tutor, or a scholar at your own or other institution/university** who is of recognised status and position. The reference must clearly comment on the quality and viability of your proposal, and demonstrate an assessment of any risks involved in the research. It will be the applicant's responsibility to ensure that BILNAS receives the reference **by the application deadline** as indicated on the website: no application will be considered in their absence.

N.B. Referees should use the Referee Form available on BILNAS' website.

Reporting and Terms

Any grant awarded must be accepted by **30 April 2026** and spent by **31 March 2027**. Grants are only awarded for a single year. In the case of unforeseen delays to the planned fieldwork/research, a formal request for extension should be made by **1 November 2026** at the latest. A research report, including a summary of the funded activity, of up to 500 words and a financial report on the expenditure of the grant will be required by **30 April 2027**.

Application Format

Applications should be submitted by email. Please complete the form below and submit it to:

Victoria Leitch, General Secretary, BILNAS

BILNAS-ACE ALGERIA RESEARCH GRANT FORM

1. Personal data

<i>Surname of applicant:</i>	
<i>First name(s):</i>	
<i>ORCID (if applicable):</i>	
<i>Postal address:</i>	
<i>Email address:</i>	
<i>Telephone contact no(s):</i>	
<i>Nationality:</i>	
<i>Current Higher Education Institution:</i>	
Academic Record (max. 500 words). List current position (for researchers) and any current and previous degree courses (for students – give dates, degree title and qualification, and classification awarded); previous fieldwork experience (if relevant); scientific publications (if relevant); any other experience that may be relevant to your application.	

2. Project details

<i>Date, duration, and location in Algeria of fieldwork/research:</i>	
Project summary (max. 500 words). Clearly specify the objectives of the proposed project, the planned programme of activities, and your reasons for pursuing it.	
<i>Please confirm that you will follow the guidelines for health and safety (including ethics and risk assessment and travel insurance) recommended by your academic institution.</i>	
<i>Itemised breakdown of estimated expenditure:</i>	
<i>Have you use AI to write or to review parts of this application? Yes or no</i>	
<i>Total amount requested from BILNAS (max £1,500):</i>	
<i>Details of other grants applied for and results:</i>	

3. Referee

<i>Name and contact details of ONE referee:</i>	
<i>If you have previously received an award from BILNAS (formerly the Society for Libyan Studies), please indicate the project name, date and Grant ID number (if applicable):</i>	
<i>Please state briefly how you heard about this grant scheme:</i>	
<i>Signature and date of application:</i>	

