

Please note there will only be one meeting for Larger Grants in 2009-10 which will be held in May 2010 with a closing date of 1 March

THE CARNEGIE TRUST FOR THE UNIVERSITIES OF SCOTLAND

LARGER GRANTS

REGULATIONS

1 The Carnegie Larger Grants, up to a maximum of £40,000, are awarded for projects that are seen as being of benefit to the Scottish Universities as a whole or, in the case of subjects such as medicine which are studied in only a few universities, those Universities with an interest in that field. Applications must indicate clearly the benefits to the Scottish Universities that are likely to accrue. There should be active collaboration amongst several Scottish Universities and this is seen as the principal criterion and applications which do not satisfy this cannot be considered.

2 Applicants must be graduates or members of staff of a Scottish University, although the Executive Committee reserves the right to accept applications from national bodies that will create the desired benefits to the Scottish universities.

3 It is not the intention that the Trust should serve as another research council, and the Trust will not consider applications that are appropriate for submission to a research council or which have been submitted to such bodies and failed to obtain funding.

4 A Larger Grant may be used to support posts, including secretarial and technical staff as well as research staff, travel and subsistence. It may be used also for the acquisition of equipment, provided that this is a minor feature of the proposed budget.

5 Although a project and associated staff might be based in one of the Scottish Universities, the Trust will take into account the extent to which the support of other Universities is expressed in contributions in money, in personnel or in some other material way. Written expressions of support will not be sufficient.

6 The Executive Committee's preference is that the Trust shall not be the sole source of external funding for a project although the absence of such funding is not a barrier to submission. Applicants should indicate what other funds they have sought or obtained. They should also indicate whether the application is a new project and, if not, provide information on its origins, progress and funding to date, and expected terminal date.

7 Prospective applicants are invited to discuss their proposal with the Secretary of the Trust, who will also be prepared to advise on draft submissions.

8 There is no application form and applicants should provide sufficient details on the objectives and methodology to be used to permit an appraisal by an expert not familiar with the project. They should also provide an abstract not exceeding one sheet of A4. Applications should be about 4 pages of A4 but can be longer if necessary. Applications should be sent electronically followed by a signed hard copy in the post

9 Applicants should give the name of four referees, two of them furth of Scotland, able and willing to comment on the academic/scientific merits of what is proposed. The names and addresses of the referees should be given on a separate sheet from the proposal. The Executive Committee reserves the right to seek the views of other experts.

10 Applications will be considered by a small working group of Appointed Members. Applications must therefore reach the Trust by March 1st, for consideration at the meeting in May. Applicants may be invited for interview.

11 Successful projects may extend over more than one year, with the grant being paid in annual instalments. The Trust reserves the right to terminate a grant if a project fails to make satisfactory progress. Grantees must submit a report at the conclusion of the project and an annual progress report (one sheet of A4) is required if grant being paid in instalments.

12 The Trust may wish to associate itself publicly with the project.

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