



THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH 2013/2014

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY invites applications for awards from scholars engaged in bibliographical research (on, for example, book history, textual transmission, publishing, printing, bookbinding, book-ownership and book-collecting). The Society hopes to make awards both for immediate research needs, such as for microfilms or travelling expenses, and for longer-term support, for example to assist with prolonged visits to libraries and archives.

Katharine F. Pantzer Jr Research Awards in the History of the Printed Book

The Society has received a generous bequest from the estate of the distinguished bibliographer Katharine F. Pantzer Jr and has established two research awards in her memory: a Fellowship of up to £4,000, and a Scholarship of up to £1,500, to be awarded annually. An application form for the Pantzer Fellowship will be found on the Society's website - www.bibsoc.org.uk - while the Pantzer Scholarship may be applied for as one of the named Major Grants (see below).

Applicants' research for either of the Pantzer awards must be within the field of the bibliographical or book-historical study of the printed book in the hand-press period, that is up to c.1830. Applicants should be established scholars in the field but may be university-based or independent researchers. The Pantzer Fellowship, worth up to £4,000, is intended to assist with both immediate research needs, such as microfilms or travelling expenses, and longer-term support, for example prolonged visits to libraries and archives. Applicants may use a part of the Fellowship money to pay for teaching cover.

Major Grants

A number of major awards, up to a maximum of £2,000 each, are offered. Several of these take the form of named awards. One will be associated with the name of the late Barry Bloomfield, sometime president of the Society, and one or more will be associated with the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association, which has generously contributed to the fund. The Society also offers the Katharine F. Pantzer Jr Research Scholarship of up to £1,500 (see above), the Fredson Bowers award of \$1,500 funded by the Bibliographical Society of America, the Falconer Madan award of £500 in conjunction with the Oxford Bibliographical Society for research undertaken in Oxford libraries or, under certain circumstances, conducted elsewhere upon topics connected with Oxford; the holder of the Madan award may be eligible to apply for association with Wolfson College, Oxford. The named awards may be supplemented from the Society's research funds to a maximum total of £2,000 each.

Minor Grants

In addition, the Society offers a limited number of minor grants, of £50 to £200, for specific purposes such as the costs of travel or of microfilming for research purposes (but **not** for attendance at, or travel to, conferences). Applications for these minor grants may be submitted at any time and should be supported by one reference.

Conference subventions

The Society offers a number of subventions of up to £250 each to organizers of conferences so that they can help defray the cost of conference fees for two or more students. The subject of the conference must fall within one or more of the areas of interest specified in the first paragraph above. Conference organizers granted a subvention agree to mention the Society's support in their conference literature, for which purpose a logo is provided.

Guidelines for applicants

The Society's Grants and Fellowships scheme is designed to promote high quality, publishable research by individuals and groups. However, there are a number of things that the Society does **not** fund:

- 1 Publishing costs.
- 2 Replacement teaching (except for the Pantzer Fellowship).
- 3 Conservation activities.
- 4 Support for the income of the applicant.
- 5 Purchase of hardware, software or books.
- 6 Individual attendance at conferences.

Grants for subject bibliographies are not regarded as falling within the field of the Society's interests, and single author bibliographies and editions of texts will not normally be considered unless they offer significant advances in methodology or are likely to throw light on the history of the book in a wider context.

Applicants for all awards may be of any nationality and need not be members of the Society. All other things being equal, the Society gives priority to work that will be published and to scholars who have no opportunity of gaining institutional support for their research. Successful applicants are expected to make their supported work public (by the presentation of a paper to the Bibliographical Society or some other learned society, or by publication).

Applications should include a description of the research to be undertaken, with an explanation of its importance and an indication, if appropriate, of how it will be published or otherwise made available in the public domain.

Specific instructions for PhD student applicants: doctoral students are eligible to apply for Major or Minor Grants including the Pantzer Scholarship (but not the Pantzer Fellowship) although only a modest proportion of the Society's research funds is allocated each year to PhD students. Indicate clearly on your application form (a) that you are a PhD student, (b) your expected completion date, and (c) why your institution cannot provide the financial support required. One of your referees must be your PhD supervisor.

No application will be considered which does not provide a clear indication of how and where the money will be spent (e.g. airfares must be separated from accommodation; photocopying costs must be listed separately, etc.). The number of days for which accommodation is required must be stated clearly. The maximum allowed for daily accommodation is £65.00; in most circumstances we would expect the daily rate claimed to be less than this. Please note that subsistence costs (meals etc.) are not normally supported.

Application procedure

Applications for the **Pantzer Fellowship** and **Major Grants** (including the **Pantzer Scholarship**) must be submitted, on the appropriate form (with **no** additional documentation) and two referees familiar with the applicant's work should be asked to email references to the Secretary to the Fellowships and Bursaries Sub-committee. Applications and references must arrive **by 10 January 2014**. All applications must be supplied electronically. References are preferred via email, but may also be posted, to arrive by the same date.

Applications for **Minor Grants** may be submitted at any time, on the form provided by the Society (with **no** additional documentation). Applications must be supplied electronically. References are preferred via email, but may also be posted.

Applications for **Conference Subventions** may be submitted at any time, on the form provided by the Society. Applications must be supplied electronically. Brief supporting documentation (e.g. Call for Papers, Draft Programme) should be appended.

Application forms for all awards are available for downloading from the Society's website: www.bibsoc.org.uk - if you have any problems downloading, or if you require further information, please contact the Secretary to the Subcommittee (see below).

Applicants for Major Grants will be notified of the outcome of their application following the meeting of the Council of the Society in February 2014. Applications for Minor Grants and Conference Subventions are processed throughout the year.

Successful applicants for Major Grants may not apply for a further Major Grant in the year following their award.

Further information about the Society and its interests may be found in its centennial publication, *The Book Encompassed*, ed. Peter Davison (Cambridge University Press, 1992), from its journal, *The Library*, and from the Society's website at www.bibsoc.org.uk

Further information may be obtained from the Secretary to the Fellowships & Bursaries Subcommittee:

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