



La Société

For nature, history and
science in Guernsey

La Société Guernesiaise

Grant Application Information 2023

Thanks to a generous donation, La Société Guernesiaise, able to continue with the annual grant scheme.

The grant is a single payment of £2,000 and is intended to support;

- i. a student who is studying or researching a subject related to biodiversity and conservation of the natural environment, or;
- ii. a citizen scientist. Citizen scientists typically are not professional scientists. Instead they are people who collaborate with professional scientists in ways that advance scientific research on topics they care about. For example, County Recorders can be professional scientists or citizen scientists.

Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

Any person who:

- (a) is ordinarily resident in the Bailiwick of Guernsey at the commencement of 2023 for citizen scientists or for the 2022-2023 academic year in respect of student applicants;

and either;

- (b) is attending, or will be attending in the autumn term 2023, a course of higher education in biological, ecological, or environmental science, or a course which contains a substantial element of such science;

or;

- (c) is undertaking or wishes to undertake research on Guernsey's fauna, flora, ecology, or other discipline supported by La Société;

and;

- (d) is a member of La Société Guernesiaise. Citizen scientists must be full members. Student membership of the organisation costs £5 per annum, and may be purchased on La Société's website: www.societe.org.gg.

Applications may be made in respect of both undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

For candidates wishing to undertake on-island research, the Guernsey Biological Records Centre can offer office space, advice, and support.

In the unlikely event that no suitable candidates are found in any given year, the grant will be carried forward to the following year.

How to apply:

Please complete the application form, which can be downloaded from La Société's website: www.societe.org.gg

In previous years we have asked candidates to supply a personal statement. This year we have included the personal statement as part of the application form.

Your completed application form should be emailed to La Société's Scientific Committee (science@societe.org.gg).

Closing date: 30 April 2023.

How we will deal with your application:

We will ask you to inform us of the results of any A-Level or other academic examinations taken this year. In addition, we may wish to interview candidates.

A panel of judges will assess the applicants proposals and inform all applicants of their decision by **1 June 2023**. If there is a delay in selecting the successful applicant all candidates will be notified. The presentation of the grant will be arranged promptly after selecting the successful candidate.

What happens if I am awarded the grant?

- Completion of research project
- Write up of project report
- Present a presentation of your research at La Société's Frossard Theatre, at a time convenient for them.
- A copy of the research project, including original data, must be submitted to the Guernsey Biological Records Centre. Note: if the successful candidate intends to publish their research in a journal all data will be held in confidence until publication.

Please e-mail any queries to our Scientific Committee Chair, Trevor Bourgaize science@societe.org.gg. We look forward to hearing from you.