**The Geological Society – The Fermor Seed Corn Fund – Application Form 2025**

Before completing this form, please ensure you have read the application guidelines (see Fermor website) for the Fermor Seed Corn Fund as well as our supporting information on [research and collection ethics](https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/pub_ethics). Please note that the Geological Society is a signatory to the COPDESS agreement and requires data to be made available following [FAIR principles](https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/data_policy).

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| Please confirm that the proposed work meets the definition of research: | (Y/N) |
| Please confirm that your application meets the eligibility criteria: | (Y/N) |

Note that all applications will be reviewed anonymously by our review panel, so please do not provide any personal details outside of this cover page.

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| **Proposal Title:** |  | |
| **Investigator Name/Title:** | |  |
| **Investigator Email Address:** | |  |
| **Investigator Position:** | |  |
| **Supporting Institution:** | |  |
| **Institutional Contact:** | | *(name/e-mail)* |
| **Requested Grant Value:** | |  |
| **Project Duration:** | |  |

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| **Project Rationale:** |
| *Include a full description of the project and any relevant background information. Please detail the project aims and objectives and list any references below.* |
| **Research Methods:** |
| *Summarise the research methods and materials that will be used to complete the project, and how these will be necessary to deliver the project aims. Please include any necessary references.* |
| **Detailed Project Timeline:** |
| *Explain the timeline of your research plan, showing target dates for key research objectives, including training courses, sample analysis, field work, paper writing and research dissemination. Indicate whether the necessary permissions for fieldwork have been obtained and whether the necessary risk assessments have been carried out. Please detail where samples will be retained, and how sample access will be provided if appropriate.* |
| **Project Costing:** |
| *Include summary costs for all aspects of the project. If equipment or training courses are sought, indicative quotes should be supplied. Please also complete the budget template, as well as a Justification of Resources (up to 2 A4 pages) detailing the cost breakdown of the necessary categories.* |
| **Impact:** |
| *Explain how you will measure the success of your project, and over what timescale. Who will benefit from this project?* |
| **Sustainability & Environmental Impact Evaluation:** |
| *Does the proposal involve any activity requiring modification to the footprint of an existing facility, ground disturbance (e.g., excavation, clearing of trees, installation of equipment), outdoor discharges of water (e.g., wastewater run off), or air emissions (e.g., ozone depleting substances)? Detail any field activity that would release equipment or chemicals into the air, bodies of water, or onto the ground; or involve hazardous or radioactive materials.* |
| **Data Management Plan:** |
| *Include a summary of how you intend to manage the data associated with this research, naming repositories if relevant. Please note that statements to the effect of ‘the data will be made available upon request’ will not suffice.* |
| **Inclusion Plan:** |
| *How do you intend to ensure that Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity & Accessibility are appropriately considered within the proposed research? Please identify barriers to creating a positive and inclusive working environment whilst conducting the research, and address ways in which you intend to work against these barriers and sustain a positive environment for all.* |

Please check this box to confirm that you have read, and agree to adhere to, the GSL Inclusivity Protocol in relation to this project and/or associated events: