**Centenary Award**

Application form, 2025-26

The Egypt Exploration Society, the leading UK organisation supporting and promoting Egyptian cultural heritage today, invites applications for grants from its Centenary Fund. The EES seeks to allocate a total of £4500 in this round. While an application of up to this amount will be considered, the EES will aim to maximise the number of projects it can support. Discrete activities within larger projects will be considered, as will complete projects. The EES normally supports 1-3 projects in each round of this scheme.

The Centenary Awards are intended to encourage early-career researchers: **applicants must be current postgraduate research students (i.e. MRes, MPhil, PhD) or within five years of having been awarded their PhD**.

The closing date for applications is **17:00 (GMT) on Friday 28 November 2025**. No application received after that date will be considered. Interviews will not be held; applications will be considered by the Society’s Research Committee in January 2026 and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application no later than 31 March 2026. All applications, together with the required references, must be submitted electronically to: application@ees.ac.uk.

The Society welcomes applications to support archaeological fieldwork, museum/archive-based research, publication/dissemination or engagement activities. Priority will be given to projects that focus on or incorporate EES collections. Where applications form part of a larger project, it should be demonstrated how this is a discreet part of that larger operation that could be completed by an early-career researcher, with relevant outputs distinct from the larger project. Any proposed activity should follow local laws and guidelines.

**Judging criteria**

Applications will be graded against the following criteria. Though not all points will be relevant, applicants should demonstrate how their project addresses as many of the criteria as possible. Scoring will be weighted with point one being the highest scoring and point five being the least:

1. The wider public benefit of your project, for instance: is it environmentally sustainable, will you reach new audiences, are you building economic capacity, etc.?
2. Knowledge exchange and/or community engagement
3. Innovative methodology
4. Clear and achievable project based on resources requested
5. Link to current collections of the Egypt Exploration Society

**Conditions**

* Applicants are encouraged to be Members/Associates of the Egypt Exploration Society, though it is not a necessity.
* The Award may be used to support PhD research activities but cannot be used to supplement university tuition fees. See budget section below for further information.
* The Society expects that the successful candidate(s) will undertake their work before October 2026 unless they indicate otherwise. Save in exceptional circumstances, and then only with the consent of the EES Trustees, an Award which is not taken up by the date specified shall lapse.
* The Society does not necessarily undertake to publish the results of work completed by the Award-holder. However, the Society will expect Award-holders to disseminate the results of their funded research as quickly as possible and by all available appropriate means - online reports/blogs, presentations to EES members and/or donors and/or partner institutions, articles for *Egyptian Archaeology*, etc.
* The Award will not normally be given more than once to the same person.

All applicants must complete Sections A to C below, plus a detailed budget, and ask their two nominated referees to complete and return the EES Centenary Awards Reference Form to application@ees.ac.uk.

**Section A: Applicant and research proposal**

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| **Details of applicant** |
| Name      | Address      |
| Email      |  |
| Date of application      |
| Are you a current Member/Associate of the Egypt Exploration Society? | Choose an item. |
| *Visit* [*www.ees.ac.uk*](http://www.ees.ac.uk) *to find out more about joining the Egypt Exploration Society* |
| Please tick to confirm that you have watched the accompanying video guidance for completing this application before proceeding. |[ ]
| **Studies***Note: If you have completed your studies, please enter the details for your highest completed degree (e.g. PhD), and enter the completion date in the box marked “Expected completion date”.* |
| Current degree programme (e.g. MRes, MPhil, PhD in Egyptology)       |
| University and Faculty / Department at which you are studying       |
| Research project / thesis title        |
| Programme start date       | Expected completion date        |
| **Employment** (if relevant) |
| Current job title       |
| Institution and Department where you are employed       |
| Brief description of duties (no more than 50 words)      |

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| **Research proposal** |
| Title of project       |
| What are the main research questions?*Please provide* ***up to three*** *and ensure that they are phrased as questions.*1.
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| Please give a description of the project and the methods to be used (no more than 500 words)*Pay particular attention to the* ***judging criteria*** *listed above, you may even wish to use them as headings within your project outline.*       |
| Please select **one** category below that most clearly reflects your projectArchaeological fieldwork [ ] Conservation [ ] Epigraphic survey/study [ ] History of Egyptology and related fields [ ] Networking event for researchers [ ] Public/community engagement [ ] Site management [ ] We encourage you to select a category above. However, if you do not feel that the above categories suit your project then please provide an alternative here:       |
| What outputs are envisaged, including print and/or electronic publication, from this project?Public lecture [ ] Conference paper [ ] Magazine article (i.e *Egyptian Archaeology*) [ ] Journal article (i.e. *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology*) [ ] Exhibition [ ] Community workshop [ ] Training event [ ] Other (please specify):        |
| Please provide further details about the outputs selected above (no more than 300 words):        |
| If required, have you obtained provisional approval for this work?*We will require evidence of this provisional permission from, for example, the relevant fieldwork director, museum curator, archivist. Please attach the evidence to your application.**If you require MoTA/NCAM permission for fieldwork, any grant is provisional upon the granting of that permission.*      |
| For fieldwork projects, please list the Project Director(s) and their academic institutions:      |

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| Intended dates of work  |       |
| Team members (if known) | *Please give name, academic / other affiliation, and anticipated role*      |

**Section B: Budget**

This section is intended to provide a summary of the costs required for your project. You must also complete a detailed spreadsheet showing the proposed costs of the project (see template provided). You should include full details of expenditure in the spreadsheet including salaries for team members listed above, any equipment required, travel and accommodation costs, etc. These should be supported by evidence such as quotes, weblinks, etc. The Society may ask you to revise parts of your budget if your application is successful and, if equipment is purchased using the Award, ask you to return equipment to the Society following the project for use by future applicants.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to pay close attention to this aspect of their application and to use the template provided.

***Budget Summary***

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| Total sterling expenditure | £      |
| Total sterling required for expenditure abroad | £      |
| **Total budget**  | **£** |

If any income is expected from outside sources which will reduce the amount requested of the Society, please indicate this below.

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| Have any applications for funding for this work been made to any other funding body? Are any such applications intended? If so, please give details of the funding bodies concerned, the amounts requested, and the date by which the outcome of the application will be known. If your application is successful, funds may only be distributed on condition that your other applications are also successful.If your project is part of your thesis research (including data gathering), then we will expect that you have applied to your institution for funding. If not, then please give an explanation here.       |

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| Total budget (final figure from table above/attached) | £      |
| Less donations expected from outside sources (details given above) | £      |
| **Total requested from the Egypt Exploration Society** | **£** |

**Section C: Referees**

Two references will be required. Please enter their contact details here and ask each of them to complete the EES Centenary Awards Reference Form and return it to the Society before the deadline. Full-time postgraduate students may select referees from their own institutions, but all other applicants must select referees from outside their own institutions. Referees should not be members of the Society’s Research Committee or staff, participants in or directors of the project for which funding is sought or any over-arching project within whose remit the proposed project falls. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that completed references are returned to the Society by the deadline of the round for which they intend to apply. Without them the application will not be considered**.

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**Applicants:**

Please return this form by e-mail to Dr Carl Graves (EES Director) at application@ees.ac.uk by **17:00 (GMT) on Friday 28 November 2025.** It is the applicants responsibility to ensure that referees complete and return their forms to application@ees.ac.uk by the same date and time.