



IAG Geoanalytical Research and Networking Grants

Application Form

These grants are designed to support research and networking of senior IAG members in the geoanalytical or metrological sciences.

Successful applicants will be expected to provide a short report about their research achievements within 3 months of completion of the research project and submit a manuscript to *Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research* within 12 months. The IAG also encourages presentation of the research at one of the IAG-sponsored Geoanalysis conferences where possible.

The topic of the research must closely reflect the goals of the IAG and belong to the key areas of geoanalysis:

- Characterisation of new geochemical reference materials
- Development or validation of new geoanalytical methods related to e.g., isotopic systems, environmental and exploration geochemistry.
- Demonstration of new or refined statistical methods as applied to geochemical data

The grant will be for a maximum of £20,000 towards the costs of a research project related to the goals of the IAG.

Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

The length of your application (sections 1 to 10) should not exceed eight pages in total.

Your application should contain the following sections:

1. *Abstract* – a summary of the proposed research project (max 250 words)
2. *Duration* of the project, including start and end dates.
3. *Objectives* – the purpose and aims of the research should be clearly identified.
4. *Relevance to the IAG's interests* – describe expected outcome of the project and indicate how the IAG (and the wider geoanalytical community) would benefit from funding this research.

5. *Background to research* – a summary of current state-of-the-art and own previous work in the relevant field of research. In addition, up to three references can be included.
6. *Methodology* – proposed methods and instrumentation to be used in the research project, accompanied by written confirmation of accessibility to instrumentation (Letter of Support, where applicable).
7. *Workplan* – this could be a Gantt chart or similar and should list all deliverables that are expected on completion of the project.
8. *Collaborating scientists and institutions* – provide details of relation to your host institution and employment status (where applicable), other collaborating scientists and institutions, and their specialist input.
9. *Budget* – including a breakdown and justification of expected costs. Please indicate how much of the proposed budget is intended for salary support and, if so, for whom it will be used.
10. *Additional funds available* – list any additional sources of funding that may be available to support this research.
11. *Previous IAG funding* – indicate any previous funding you or your proposed partners have received from the IAG in the past.
12. *Signature* – declaration of the applicant to use the grant exclusively for research purposes in the context of this project and to follow Rules of Good Scientific Practice. Also declare to provide a short report about their research achievements within 3 months of completion of the research project and submit a manuscript to *Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research* within 12 months.

Submission Instructions:

Before preparing your application, you are welcome to send an email containing a short description (maximum 250 words) of the planned research to the IAG Awards Committee via the Honorary Secretary of the IAG, Ms Jennifer Cook (jmc@bgs.ac.uk), to ensure that you take into account the key objectives of the IAG.

Please send your application, together with a letter of support from any collaborating organisations if relevant, to Ms Jennifer Cook, Honorary Secretary, International Association of Geoanalysts (jmc@bgs.ac.uk) by the closing date of **31 March 2025**.

Please note that IAG Geoanalytical Research and Networking Grants are only awarded to **full members of the IAG** (not student members). The IAG assumes no financial responsibilities beyond providing the agreed funding to the successful awardee(s).