**The BSA Socrel Support Fund**

Each year the [BSA Support Fund](https://www.britsoc.co.uk/opportunities/bsa-support-fund/) provides financial assistance to individual members. Applicants can benefit from financial assistance towards research related expenses, attendance at conferences and study group events, and thesis production costs. Applicants are limited to one BSA Support Fund claim of up to £1000.

We are pleased to announce the Socrel study group will be providing a separate support fund of £500 annually each academic year beginning October 1st, 2018. This support fund is designed to support and aid postgraduate students/early career scholars (ECS) with the mechanics of academic research. Applicants are able to apply to both.

All applications will be considered on an individual basis, but ideally the support fund will be divided up to help as many scholars as possible, and applications can be made for smaller claims. The majority of the funds will be considered for but not limited to:

• Research and/or fieldwork, including travel costs.

• Thesis binding

The BSA Support Fund does not award grants towards the cost of course fees; for the purchase of books or equipment; but this may be considered by the Socrel Support Fund.

Attendance at conferences other than Socrel will not be considered, please use the BSA Support Fund. To be eligible, applicants must:

• Live in the UK

• Be a paid member of the Socrel study group

The Socrel Support Fund differs from the £5000 [Seed Corn funding](https://www.britsoc.co.uk/groups/study-groups/sociology-of-religion-study-group/funding/) which supports the development of a significant and innovative work in the sociology of religion. This support fund will not contribute towards the Seed Corn funding. Socrel expects the successful applicant to contribute to the study group’s blog within the year of the award.

Applications must be accompanied by an email or letter of support from a supervisor (where the applicant is a postgraduate student).

Support Fund applications for research and fieldwork expenses must be for forthcoming budgeted costs. Retrospective claims for research and fieldwork expenses will not be considered.

**Save this form to your computer before you begin:**

* Read the accompanying cover/information sheet before you complete the application
* Complete all sections of the form
* Save the form using your full name as the document name
* Send to jlm66@kent.ac.uk and e.j.lynn@lancaster.ac.uk as an attachment
* Remember to include any supporting evidence that may assist your application

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| TITLE FIRSTNAME SURNAME  POSTAL ADDRESS: PLACE OF STUDY/EMPLOYMENTDEPARTMENTAPPOINTMENT/ROLE (eg: PhD student, Lecturer, etc) | M/F EMAIL ADDRESSDAYTIME PHONEMOBILE PHONEMY CURRENT BSA MEMBERSHIP CATEGORYHOW MUCH ARE YOU APPLYING FOR? **£** HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR/RECEIVED FUNDS FROM THE BSA SOCREL SUPPORT FUND? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO |
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**FOR WHAT PURPOSE IS YOUR APPLICATION INTENDED?**

Please give further details about area of research or fieldwork, thesis subject, description of event.

**OUTLINE OF COSTS**

Itemise briefly the costs involved. You are not expected to provide full and final costs at this stage, but you should give an accurate indication of the likely costs i.e. travel costs.

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION**

The BSA Socrel Support Fund has a limited annual budget of £500. Please explain why you think your application should be supported, indicating how your work and/or situation is likely to benefit from an award.

**OTHER FUNDING BODIES**

Please identify other funding bodies which you have approached for funding and the outcome of your application.

WHAT TO DO NOW

* Remember to save the document and use your full name as the file name
* Send this form as an email attachment to J.Bullock@kingston.ac.uk.
* Forward an email or letter in support of your application from a suitable referee.

CHECKLIST

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| My BSA membership is paid and up-to-date | [ ]  |
| I have completed all sections of this form | [ ]  |
| I have attached a letter/email of support from a suitable referee | [ ]  |
| I have signed and dated my applicationsI agree to produce a blog for Socrel  | [ ] [ ]  |

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