

## The Society for Post-Medieval Archaeology

### Grants and Prizes

#### 1. Dissertation Prize

The Society offers two annual prizes for dissertations from British and Irish universities, one for undergraduate and one for postgraduate dissertations, on the subject of the post-medieval archaeology of Britain, Europe and the wider world, from c.1500 to the present day. The aim of the prizes is to encourage new research in the field of post-medieval archaeology in British and Irish universities. These prizes are offered in memory of Leslie Matthews, one of the Society's founder members. The award for each is £250, free membership of the Society for one year, and a conference bursary for the year of the award. UK and Irish University and College departments may nominate one dissertation submitted in the previous academic year for each prize. Submissions from individual students will not be accepted. The deadline for submissions for the undergraduate prize will normally be the beginning of September, and for the postgraduate prize the middle of December. For further information, please view the Society's web-site: [www.spma.org.uk](http://www.spma.org.uk), or contact the prize co-ordinator: Dr Chris King, [secretary@spma.org.uk](mailto:secretary@spma.org.uk).

#### 2. Lecture Bursary

Local and regional archaeological, historical and antiquarian societies are invited to apply for financial support to defray the costs of lectures on post-medieval archaeology. The Society will make up to £500 available each year for this purpose, and the Council will decide how this should be spent, normally at its autumn meeting. Applicants should write to the Secretary, [secretary@spma.org.uk](mailto:secretary@spma.org.uk), providing the following details:

- Place and date of meeting
- Details of the lecturer and the subject matter of his/her talk
- Information on the likely audience and how the event will be advertised
- Amount of money requested and how exactly it will be spent

The Society will also expect a brief report on the meeting after the event and will expect acknowledgement of its support. The Council will also consider requests to nominate speakers for such occasions.

#### 3. Research Grants

The Society may make small grants to members, as resources permit, to enable research projects to be undertaken on the post-medieval archaeology of Britain, Europe and the wider world, from c.1500 to the present day. Each grant will be subject to a maximum of £1,500. Applicants should write to the Secretary [secretary@spma.org.uk](mailto:secretary@spma.org.uk), outlining their proposal, bearing in mind the following points:

- The Council is most likely to favour proposals that demonstrate how the Society's support could be of importance in getting a project off the ground or in attracting money from other sources
- Applicants should explain precisely how much money they want from the Society and how it will be used
- Information should be provided on how the Society's support will be acknowledged

The Council of the Society has determined that applications should be considered twice a year, with deadlines for submission on 1 May and 1 September.