**Research Grants**

The Research Grants scheme was established to commemorate The Society’s Centenary in 1993. Under this scheme The Society currently anticipates awarding at least five Early Career Research Grants per year, and up to five Senior Research Grants per year, each with a value of up to £1,500, to support research on molluscs that is likely to lead to publication. The maximum amount available should not be considered as a ‘target’; rather requests for monies should reflect the research that is proposed.

Preference for both award types is given to discrete research projects that fall within the subject areas covered by The Society’s journal, Journal of Molluscan Studies. Applicants should bear in mind these criteria when submitting an application. In addition applications will be assessed in terms of scientific merit, significance and justification of budget requested, and the degree to which the proposed research will benefit the scientific aspirations of the applicant.

**Early Career Research Grants:** These are conferred on students and researchers without permanent professional positions, but without regard to nationality or membership of The Society. The grants will be reviewed by MSL council members. Successful applications to the Early Career Research Grants scheme that are concerned with the study of Bivalvia may be awarded as Sir Charles Maurice Yonge Awards. The closing date for the Early Career Research Grant scheme is **15th December**.

**Senior Research Grants:** These aimed at established researchers in permanent professional positions, but without regard to nationality. Applicants for Senior Research Awards must be members of The Society.The closing date for the Senior Research Grant scheme is **15th June**. Senior Research Grants may be reviewed by a panel including both council and non-council members invited for that purpose. Please note Senior Research Grant applications do not require letters of recommendation.

**How to apply:** Applications for either grant should be made by email sent to MSL\_awards@nhm.ac.uk. Please include your surname and the award proposed in the subject line of the email. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application after the subsequent council meeting (normally April for ECRG and October for SRG). The Society’s preferred method of payment is PayPal.