



Call for Proposals Seedcorn Funding for Projects on Scottish Business History

From its inception in 1989 to the present, the Centre for Business History in Scotland (CBHS) at the University of Glasgow has encouraged and carried out extensive research on Scottish business history, and also worked to help develop and to encourage the use of Scottish business archives.

In keeping with this tradition, the CBHS is pleased to invite proposals for seedcorn funding of up to £3,000 per application per year for the development of ambitious research projects on any aspect of Scottish business history. The aim is to enable successful applicants to develop a full research proposal in conjunction with CBHS for major funding from a UK research council, charity or other funding body. The total fund available for this initiative in 2015 is £5,000, and two or more proposed projects may be funded through the generous support of the William Lind Foundation.

Funds may be used in support of any activity that will contribute towards development of an ambitious case for support for major funding of a project in Scottish business history, including, for instance, archival scoping exercises, interviews, witness seminars, data entry, and so on. Purchase of equipment or supplies will not normally be funded.

Applications are invited from scholars holding (or about to submit) a PhD who are associated with any Scottish university. Early career researchers are particularly encouraged to apply. Applications will consist of a case for support of a maximum of four sides of A4 (single spaced, with minimum 12-point font), an outline of the proposed budget (maximum one side of A4) and the applicant's CV (maximum one side of A4). The case for support should articulate clearly the nature and scope of the proposed project and its scholarly significance for Scottish business history, as well as indicating the sources to be used and the programme of activities to be undertaken. Finally, the case for support should indicate the ways in which a member or members of the CBHS might be involved, the target funding body and timescale for the preparation of the major funding proposal. The budget outline should indicate clearly how much funding is requested and how it is anticipated that it will be spent.

Applications should be sent to CBHS administrator Christine Leslie by email with Word or PDF attachments at Christine.Leslie@glasgow.ac.uk. The deadline for applications is 4 pm on 29 June 2015. Applications will be judged by a small committee chaired by CBHS Director Professor Ray Stokes. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the middle of July at the latest. Successful applicants may then expend the funds any time between 1 August 2015-31 July 2016. At the end of the funding period, a written report on the project, its preliminary findings and future plans for applying for funding must be submitted to the Trustees of the William Lind Foundation care of Christine Leslie. Informal inquiries about the competition may be made to Ray Stokes at Ray.Stokes@glasgow.ac.uk.