

# EABS Research Grants

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EABS Research Grants are intended to support well-defined research projects of high quality in Biblical Studies and related areas, by enabling their authors to participate in the EABS Annual Conference, present papers related to their research, and establish or enhance working relationships with other researchers in their field. Every year EABS will award **up to one Research Grants of €1600 each**. It is possible for a team consisting of two EABS members to apply for a Research Grant together, provided that they meet all the eligibility criteria (see below), but the amount awarded will remain the same.

The review panel reserves the right not to award a grant in a given year, in which case any sum not awarded shall be transferred to the Travel Grants programme.

## Eligibility

EABS Research Grants are open to **EABS members** who have restricted or no access to research funds and who can present research projects of high standard. They will need to demonstrate:

- 1) EITHER that their research project will benefit from one of the existing EABS research programmes;
- 2) OR that there is a need to set up a new research programme along the lines of the aims and purposes of EABS.

Preference will be given to those who have not been previously awarded an EABS Research Grant. However, applications from researchers who have benefited from such a Grant in the past will also be considered.

EABS Travel and EABS Research Grants:

1. No one may hold an EABS Research and an EABS Travel Grant in the same year.
2. No one who has been offered one of the said EABS Grants (regardless of whether they have accepted it or not) may apply for the other in the same year.
3. No one may have more than one open application for an EABS Grant at any given time (i.e. applicants for one of the grants shall wait for the outcome of their application, before applying to the other).

## Application Procedure

Applicants should submit an EABS Research Grant application by email to: [grants@eabs.net](mailto:grants@eabs.net). The annual deadline for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> April**. Applicants can expect to hear the outcome before the end of February.

### Applications must include:

1. **Applicant details** (name, institutional affiliation if applicable, address, telephone number, email).

2. **Covering Letter** outlining how the applicant meets the criteria of the Research Grant, with a focus on how the applicant's research will benefit from attending the EABS Annual Conference, and how EABS will benefit from the applicant's contribution. Applicants are expected to explain EITHER how participating in one of the existing EABS research programmes will help them develop their research project, OR why they see a need to set up a new one, and how the research programme that they have proposed will contribute to the research profile of EABS.

Note for applicants: if you cannot find a research programme where your paper proposal would fit, you are encouraged to propose a new Research Group or Workshop, but keep in mind that this needs to be submitted in early autumn of the year preceding the Annual Conference (check the website for details).

3. **Description of the research project** (ca. 1000 words, excluding bibliographical references) which will benefit from the applicant's participation in the EABS conference, including the following elements:

- research project title;
- a clear research question and research hypothesis;
- research plan and timeline;
- methodology;
- the significance of the project, and of the contribution it will make to developing or creating new knowledge, insights, and understanding of the area to be studied, as well as Biblical Studies more generally.

4. **Abstract** of the paper to be presented at the EABS conference, including the name of the EABS research programme to which the abstract will be submitted.

5. A **Curriculum Vitae**, including an up to date list of publications and conference presentations, if applicable.

**EABS membership is required (and will be checked) at the time of application.**

## Review of Applications

The review process consists of two stages.

First, two of the members of the EABS Committee will read the submitted documents to check that the applicants meet the eligibility criteria. Each research

project description deemed eligible for the grant will then be sent for blind review to two readers who are experts in a relevant research field.

Second, after the comments of the readers have been received, applications will be reviewed by a Review Panel consisting of:

- the EABS President
- two or three members of the EABS Committee without an office.

Every year the EABS Committee will elect a Grant Manager among the members of the Committee without an office. She or he will co-ordinate the review process, including liaising with the reviewers and communicating with the applicants. The EABS Committee reserves the right to substitute one member of the Review Panel with a member of the Association at large.

Incomplete applications will not be considered, but applicants may be contacted during the review process if additional information is needed. Once the review process has been completed, successful applicants will be asked to confirm their participation. If they are unable to participate in the conference, the Research Grant will be offered to another applicant.

The successful projects will be officially announced at the Business Meeting or the opening ceremony, to which grant holders are expected to attend

All those who have been awarded a Research Grant are required to submit a report of about 1000 words no later than three months after the annual conference for which the grant was awarded. The report, to be sent by email to the EABS Secretary, must demonstrate the impact of the Research Grant on their research project. It should include a summary of how their Conference presentation was received, the feedback that they were given, working relationships which the Grant holders established or which have been enhanced, and any other relevant information demonstrating how the research will have benefited from participating in the Conference. EABS will have the right to post these reports, or an amended form, on its website and use them in advertising.

## Assessment Criteria

In evaluating EABS Research Grant applications, the review panel will take into account:

1. The quality of the research project proposed, including its originality, feasibility, appropriateness of the research method(s) and approaches, the extent to which other current research conducted in this area has been considered, its potential to enhance existing knowledge and create new insights, as well as the contribution it will make to Biblical Studies more generally.

2. The extent to which participation in the EABS Annual Conference may benefit the applicant's research.

3. The contribution that it will make to the existing EABS research programme in the context of which it is to be presented, or the applicant's willingness to show leadership in setting up a new research programme. In the latter case, the contribution that the proposed research programme will make to EABS will also be taken into account.

4. The quality of the applicant's other academic work thus far, as evidenced in the CV and any letter(s) of recommendation requested.

## Additional Stipulations

Current members of the EABS Committee cannot be involved either by applying or supporting another application. This implies, more specifically, that:

1. No member of the EABS Committee is allowed to apply for an EABS Research Grant while serving in the Committee.

2. No member of the EABS Committee should write a letter of recommendation for anyone applying for the Grant.

3. If someone applying for the Grant is closely related to one member of the Committee (e.g., as a student, co-chair, or departmental colleague), that member of the Committee should excuse him/herself from that particular process.