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## **NHSF announces grant to increase access to heritage science research**

A new grant to help to open up access to heritage science research was announced by the National Heritage Science Forum (NHSF) on 8 September.

The NHSF grant will support the full cost of Gold Open Access publication of heritage science research. This means that the research will be accessible online, to everyone, immediately on publication.

The NHSF encourages applications for papers that will have an impact on the field of heritage science and align with the National Heritage Science Strategy ([www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk/strategy.php](http://www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk/strategy.php)).

The grant is one element of a programme of NHSF activities. These are designed to:

- maximise the impact and public benefit of Heritage Science by building a diverse interdisciplinary community that works together to share knowledge, ideas, innovation and resources and;
- network with other digital platforms to make heritage science research publicly accessible, promoting knowledge exchange and encouraging collaboration.

Open Access to heritage science research will:

- Increase the visibility of heritage science research
- Help bring together researchers and the users of research
- Build networks between scientists from different disciplines
- Maximise the impact of investment in heritage science research
- Enable fuller use of the results of heritage science research for the benefit of society and the economy
- Build a richer research culture for heritage science

Employees and individual members of organisations that are a member of NHSF are encouraged to apply from 10 November 2016 when the full process and criteria will be made available.

### **Notes:**

The National Heritage Science Forum exists to demonstrate the public benefit of heritage science and to increase public engagement and support for it.

[www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk](http://www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk)

The Forum provides a platform for sharing information and for supporting the policy, research and professional needs of its members and acts as a vehicle for the delivery of the National Heritage Science Strategy ([www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk/strategy.php](http://www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk/strategy.php))

NHSF's members are 20 of the leading organisations that produce and use heritage science research in the UK. ([www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk/member-institutions.php](http://www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk/member-institutions.php))

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