



Call for ideas from RSS members for grants to make a difference

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The RSS Executive Committee wishes to develop its thinking about whether there are areas where the RSS could add significant value and help to achieve its strategic aims through the giving of grants. Therefore it is issuing an open call to the RSS membership, including individuals and the Society's various committees and groups, for ideas which will feed into its thinking on this issue at its meeting in October.

There is currently no particular budget attached to this. The aim at this stage is to generate ideas. This will be followed by consideration of finance which could include fundraising and / or investment from RSS reserves.

The Executive Committee is open to a wide range of ideas which would help the RSS fulfil its four strategic aims (statistics in the public interest; education and statistical literacy; supporting the discipline; strengthening the profession). Some examples of the kinds of ideas we might expect to see put forward (without making any assumption that these ideas are particularly good or fundable) include:

- Childcare supplementary grants to enable statisticians with childcare needs to attend conferences or meetings
- International development grant to enable a statistician to travel to a poor country and help build statistical capacity in universities or in government.
- Money for a time limited group to be set up under the auspices of the Society to deal with a particular issue that is in the public interest.

We welcome your ideas and request that you indicate:

- Why there is an unmet need
- How the idea fits the RSS strategy
- Why the RSS is uniquely placed to deal with this need (ie why it is not better done by somebody else)
- What the rough cost of this work might be (eg: an annual grant of £X).

Please send ideas to Sarah Simpson (s.simpson@rss.org.uk) by the end of July 2015.

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