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**Constitution (and application process) of  
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# 1. The purpose of the fund

The Société Jersiaise created this award scheme in memory of Nigel Quérée, one of Jersey's most prominent environmentalists, and a member of the Executive Committee.

The award is intended to recognise relevant research, field work and other projects, and is open to students, citizen scientists, and groups.

The definition of 'research' in this document is the creation of new knowledge and interpretations.

The definition of 'field work' in this document is work done in the field.

## 1.1 Origin of the fund

The fund was established by the Société Jersiaise in 2023 to honour the memory of Nigel Quérée. Nigel's interest in the environment was sparked in the 1970's when a member of Concern gave an inspiring speech. He joined Concern and became an active member, writing and researching various issues for the pressure group. The flooding of Queen's Valley was a pivotal time for him and a couple of years later he decided to stand for the States. On his third attempt he became a Senator and was then President of the Planning and Environment Department. Nigel raised many environmental issues whilst in the States over such matters as the problems associated with increasing population and the hazardous waste from the incinerator dumped in the waterfront reclamation areas. Nigel was also instrumental in the development of the Island Plan. He was an active member of the Société Jersiaise, and served for many years on the Executive Committee.

## 2. Distribution of the fund/ the nature of the awards

The fund will be awarded as one off grants whenever a suitable application is received

### 2.1 Grants

These are one-off grants to pay for specific expenses incurred by a project. It is open to students, citizen scientists, and groups.

Applicants may put forward a detailed synopsis of a proposed project or area of study, backed up by an explanation of why an award would be justified.

The research should nonetheless meet the standards of quality and objectivity that would be required for inclusion in the Annual Bulletin.

The grants are designed to cover, or help with, expenses incurred by:

- research trips off Island
- fieldwork
- retrieval / photographing / photocopying of archival material (where this cannot be accomplished remotely)
- publication of research in the form of scholarly monographs, a specialist work of writing (in contrast to reference works) or exhibition on a single subject or an aspect of a subject, often by a single author on a scholarly subject
- Any essential equipment and materials purchased will be owned by the Société, and at the end of the project may be retained by the Société, as stated in the Terms and Conditions document.

Single grants will be up to the sum of £2,000.

### 3. Administration of the fund grants

The Millennium Fund is administered by the Société Jersiaise.

The committee will meet at intervals relevant to the applications received and progress of the students, either online or in person at the direction of the President of the Société Jersiaise with the assistance of the Société Administrator.

The committee will assess awards according to the terms set out in this constitution, and made clear in the application process. Brief informal enquiries to the Société Administrator are welcomed, and will be forwarded to the committee.

The committee awarding the Research Fellowships and Grants will consist of:

Committee	Role
The President of the Société Jersiaise	To preside over the Committee and to recruit suitable other members To oversee the safe running of the fund within the bounds of its Constitution To ensure the grants are advertised appropriately To generate suitable media coverage for the fund (all of the above with support from the Société CEO)

Another member of the Société Jersiaise (at the invitation of the President)	To apply an interest in the natural environment and a knowledge of bringing research to a publishable level, in order to advise on award winners
One or more other members (as required for individual applications)	To provide specialist knowledge on specific subjects as required

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## 4. Requirements of recipients/awarding of grants

Grants are not means-tested. They are awarded strictly on merit.

All recipients of awards will be obliged to:

1. Give at least one public lecture or presentation of their work in Jersey
2. Provide a report on their finished project for the Société Jersiaise Bulletin by an agreed date
3. Deposit a final copy of their research into the Lord Coutanche Library at the Société
4. Cooperate with the Société and the media to help promote the Nigel Quérée Environment Award. The Société recognises the value of publicity generated in further promoting the existence of the award to other prospective researchers and project instigators. The Société CEO will offer assistance in liaising with the media on the award holder's behalf.

## 5. Support for recipients

### 5.1 Possible areas of research to be undertaken

The Lord Coutanche Library, Environment Section and other natural history Sections (Ornithology, Mycology, Zoology, Botany, Entomology, Marine Biology, Meteorology, and Geology), will give advice on the many collections held and the range of various avenues that can be pursued, both by researchers and those pursuing a fieldwork project. The Photo Archive is another important research resource. Research could be into new primary sources, or be fresh research on secondary sources. Remembering that the definition of research in this document is the creation of new knowledge and interpretations.



## 5.2 Supervision

To help students optimise their research time, support will be available from the Société Jersiaise, whose Departments and Sections can provide help, advice, and introductions. Students should ask for guidance from the Société. Recipients of grants should seek guidance in Jersey from those who can share existing knowledge and point them toward appropriate records and documents.

## 6. Application process

The one-off grants (of up to £2,000 for a year) are intended to pay for specific expenses incurred by projects and are open to students, citizen scientists and groups, able to produce a substantive body of work. Candidates are invited to submit their applications at any point in the year using the form available via the grants and scholarships page <https://www.societe.je/grants-scholarships/>

### 6.1 Applications

Applications must include:

- **A statement of the amount that is requested and the purpose for which the funds are required.** It would be useful to address the following questions:  
Who will benefit and how and why does it matter?  
How are the specified aims and objectives being met?  
What do you expect to happen as a result of the project?
- **A Curriculum Vitae**
- **Details of two appropriate referees**
- **Project aims:** An outline proposal of not more than 350 words on the proposed project. Applications must include a description of the aims and objectives of the proposal and explain the specific targets to be achieved. Explanation of how the proposed activities demonstrate values such as innovation, creativity, benefit to the Island and the environment as a whole.
- **Context:** A description of the context for the proposed activities, clearly identifying any existing area of the Island or body of research the proposed activities may be based on, and how the proposal will strengthen the impact.
- **Project activities:** A description of not more than 250 words of the specific activities that would be carried out if funding were to be agreed. The proposed work should be fully explained, taking into account the scheme criteria. Justification should be provided for the chosen approach/methods.
- **A description of the form in which the result will be submitted.** Examples include but not limited to a substantive work that meets scholarly standards for publishing

and/or dissemination, an academic paper or journal article (eg Société Jersiaise Bulletin), a lecture or lecture series or other appropriate media. For practical work examples include but are not limited to increasing environmental benefit of an area, creating a carbon sink, supporting sea grass expansion, working on soil nutrient levels, enhancing biodiversity.

## 7. Notification of award

Candidates will be notified in writing within one month of the receipt of the application whether they have been successful, and in the case of unsuccessful applications an explanation of the Committee's reasoning will be provided. The decision of the Committee is final.

## 8. Promotion of the grants

The importance of suitably-targeted publicity cannot be over-emphasised. The success of any grant scheme in stimulating research depends on how effectively the scheme, and therefore the research potential, is publicised.

## 9. Maintaining records

The CEO of the Société Jersiaise will maintain all records of the fund.

# Terms and Conditions

The following applies to all grant support relating to this award:

- grants will be considered only for applications that are of direct importance to Jersey C.I.
- applications must be submitted in writing and include full information on the aims of the project and the targeted beneficiaries. If the application is site-based please provide: full site details including ownership/tenure; maps and site drawings; and time-scale and duration of the project along with a full and a detailed breakdown of the costs
- no grants for retrospective applications will be considered
- applications for support which will initiate longer term projects or stimulate funds from other sources will be encouraged
- applications of a commercial or a business nature or those which are intended to result in a financial benefit for the applicant will not be considered
- projects involving annual or seasonal repetition will not be considered beyond the initial cycle
- applications for research must provide a report for the inspection of the Fund Committee on completion of the project, within 4 months of project completion
- the grant(s) applies to the application specified in the application letter. It is not transferable
- money granted for a specified project cannot be transferred
- a request or invoice for money to the Fund for work carried out without written authorisation from the Fund Committee will not be paid
- unless provided for in the application, projects must be completed within 12 months of notification of support being provided. Should completion be delayed, authorisation to continue must be obtained from the CEO of the Société Jersiaise
- unclaimed funds will be written off after 12 months, unless otherwise agreed in writing and the applicant must re-apply to the scheme
- equipment purchased with grants from the Fund for temporary use in a research project will remain the property of the Fund and should be returned to the Fund when the research is completed as it may be used in other projects. Equipment purchased under these circumstances may continue to be used after the research is completed with written consent from the CEO
- no application for grant support can be made by any member of the Fund Committee and applications for funding a project from which a Committee members derives direct economic benefit will not be considered
- applications that result in the provision of services or equipment for the exclusive or general benefit of a Committee member cannot be considered
- the decision of the Fund Committee is final

