**SLSA Research Training Grants**

The SLSA invites applications for Research Training Grants. This is a capacity-building scheme to support training in social science research methods and the use of data analysis software (e.g. SPSS and NVivo) for SLSA members who do not possess but wish to acquire these skills, and do not have access to sources of institutional support to do so. It is aimed at early- and mid-career researchers. The SLSA will provide bursaries to cover the cost of attendance at a relevant training course offered by an established provider. There are three closing dates for applications: **1 October, 1 February and 1 June** each year.

If you are considering an application, please ensure that your proposal accords with the published guidance, downloadable from the SLSA [website](http://www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/prizes-grants-and-seminars/research-methods-training-bursaries). If you have any queries, contact admin@slsa.ac.uk.

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**Research Training Grants Guidance**

The SLSA invites applications for Research Training Grants to cover the cost of attendance at a relevant training course offered by an established provider.

All applications and enquiries should be submitted to: admin@slsa.ac.uk

**Applications**

* must be submitted by **1 October, 1 February or 1 June** each year
* will be acknowledged by email
* will be considered with the aim of providing a response within one month of receipt
* must comply with the Rules and Guidance for applicants set out below.

**Rules and Guidance**

1. Eligibility

* 1. Applications will only be considered from fully paid-up SLSA members.
	2. This scheme is aimed at early and mid-career researchers. Applicants must be within 15 years of appointment to their first academic post or of completing their PhD, whichever is earlier (excluding any periods of absence for maternity leave, counting part-time work on a pro-rata basis, etc.). They must not be currently undertaking PhD study

1.3. Applications for partial or joint funding will be considered

1.4. Applications are encouraged from all sections of the socio-legal community, within and outside the UK

1.5. The proposed training programme must be completed within 12 months of the application.

1.6 Applications for (partial) funding to undertake a full degree programme will not be considered

2*.* Eligible costs

2.1. Funds may be sought to meet:

1. Fees for the training course
2. Reasonable travel expenses
3. Reasonable accommodation expenses (within the UK, not normally exceeding £100 per night / £120 in London) where the duration of the training course is more than a single day, or a single day course is located at such a distance from the applicant’s base that they cannot reasonably be expected to travel and attend on the same day.

2.2. Funds may not be sought to cover salary costs, time buyout or replacement teaching for the applicant.

2.3. As a general guideline it is expected that individual awards will not exceed £750, but if costs will necessarily exceed this amount, applications will be accepted and considered on their merits.

3. Applications

3.1. There is no standard application form. Applications must be submitted by e-mail.

3.2. Applications must include

(a) the applicant’s name, institution and statement of eligibility in accordance with 1.1 and 1.2 above.

(b) details of the course to be undertaken, the provider, and the proposed date(s) of attendance.

(c) rationale for taking the course

(d) details of previous formal research methods training undertaken (whether or not funded by the SLSA)

(e) explanation as to why institutional funds are not available (or fully available) to cover the course

(f) a budget statement detailing the course fee, costs of travel and accommodation, and the total amount sought

3.3. The application (excluding the budget statement) must not exceed 1500 words and must be printed in a font size that is not less than 11 pt in a standard font such as Arial, Times New Roman or Verdana.

3.4. Any funding that has been obtained or applied for from another source, including the applicant’s institution or course provider, must be disclosed in the application.

3.5. If the sub-committee is not satisfied with any aspect of the application it may enter into correspondence with the applicant regarding its concerns and/or suggestions for amendment.

4. Acceptance of an award

4.1. Written confirmation of acceptance must be received from the applicant within 14 days of notification of the offer of an award.

4.2. If such confirmation is not received within 14 days the offer will be deemed to have lapsed.

4.3. Funding requested will be paid to and must be administered by the applicant’s institution. The SLSA does not provide funding to cover overheads or administrative charges.

4.4. The SLSA reserves the right to offer funding subject to the fulfilment of specified conditions. In such a case any acceptance will become binding on the Association only once it is satisfied that such conditions have been or will be met.

4.5. It is a condition of all awards that upon completion, the applicant must provide a brief account of the training undertaken and what was gained from it, which may be published in the SLSA newsletter.