**QRA-14CHRONO Centre Radiocarbon Dating Award**

This award has been set up in collaboration with the 14CHRONO Centre, School of Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology, Queen’s University Belfast. Up to ten AMS radiocarbon dates in total will be awarded during each year and applications will be received during the January and May rounds. The scheme is open to undergraduates, Masters and first year PhD students only and only one award will be made to each successful applicant during their degree. Applicants can apply for a maximum of 3 dates. To be eligible for the scheme you must be a QRA member at the time of application. Applicants must read the following guidelines carefully before applying:

1. The successful applicant will be expected to take the samples themselves in the field and prepare the material for dating following prior consultation with QUB.

3. The 14CHRONO Centre will consult with the award recipient with regards to the appropriate material and sampling for their application, prepare and analyse the samples and provide the applicant with the conventional radiocarbon ages and calibrated age ranges. Award recipients must allow at least 8-10 weeks from receipt of the sample in the laboratory for results except by prior approval.

4. Applicants for this award may not apply to the New Research Workers Awards for the same or closely-related project in the same year.

A letter of support from the applicant’s supervisor must accompany the application. Successful applicants will be expected to submit a brief report (500 words) for publication in *Quaternary Newsletter* during the 12 months following the award. Applicants are encouraged to submit full-length articles to *Quaternary Newsletter*, which will be subject to the normal refereeing procedure for *QN* articles. Applicants submitting full-length articles are not required to submit the brief report in addition. The 14CHRONO Centre and the QRA should be acknowledged in all resulting publications.

*Deadline: 15th January, 15th May.*

# General rules and procedures

1. No more than one grant will be awarded to an individual QRA member in any one calendar year (see also note 7 below).
2. Applications will be considered by an Awards Panel drawn from the QRA Executive Committee, normally consisting of the Awards Officer, the Vice President, the Treasurer and one Ordinary Member.
3. Applications for all awards can be submitted at any time and will be considered by the Awards Panel as follows:
* Standard grants: three times a year (deadlines are 15th January, 15th May and 15th September)
* Special grants: check website for details as deadlines vary.
* Prize nominations: 15th September
1. Results of each grant round will normally be available within 1 month of the deadline.
2. The QRA will not consider retrospective applications, i.e. to support activities that will already have occurred prior to the deadline date. Furthermore, in order to encourage well-planned and properly budgeted projects, the QRA will not consider applications for activities that will take place within **2 months** of the deadline date. Please note that this rule does not apply to the QRA-14CHRONO Centre award thus, enabling applicants to apply for radiocarbon dating of samples that have already, or are soon to be collected.
3. Where indicated in their award letter, successful applicants must submit a written report (suitable for publication in Quaternary Newsletter) and/or a statement of expenditure, by a specified deadline.
4. No further applications will be considered until 12 months have elapsed from the time of receipt of written reports and/or statements of expenditure (exceptions apply to Postgraduate QRA Meetings Awards and for postgraduate recipients of a Radiocarbon Short Course Bursary).
5. The financial support from the QRA should be acknowledged in any publication, poster or presentation arising from funded activities.

Completed application forms should be completed and submitted online through the Awards pages at <http://qra.org.uk>. Alternatively, the application form overleaf can be submitted as hard-copy to the Awards Officer: Dr Adrian Palmer, Centre for Quaternary Research, Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham, Surrey. TW20 0EX.

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**Name**:

**Address**:

**E-mail**:

**Details of research status:**

Please state degree programme, year of study (1/2/3rd etc.), whether full-time or part-time, and source and degree of funding if applicable (e.g. fully-funded NERC)

**Date when you joined the QRA:**

**Title of proposed work:**

**Has any other dating work (recent or published) been carried out at your study site?**

**Number of dates requested:**

**Type of material to be dated:**

I certify that the information I have given is true.

**Signature: Date:**

Please enclose a case for support, which should be **no more than two sides of A4**, 12-point single-spaced, including figures and references. The case for support should outline the aims of your project and state clearly the contribution that radiocarbon dating will make to it. If possible, please provide a description of the stratigraphic context of the samples that you propose to date.

A separate supporting letter from your supervisor is also required.