

## THE TYNE-FORTH FORUM COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH BURSARIES

One of the stated objectives of the Forum to the Arts and Humanities Research Council is to stimulate new research projects which operate across the English-Scottish border into prehistoric communities. To promote these, the AHRC has provided limited financial support to assist active researchers in the region getting together and exploring new collaborations and research projects. This is only 'seed-corn' funding, to get an idea 'off the ground' through a project discussion meeting. Most academic institutions will provide this sort of funding, and we ask you to pursue these sources before turning to the Forum. In addition to video-conferencing and e-mail the Tyne-Forth Prehistory Forum will support necessary travel to potential field areas in facilitating cross-border collaboration. The funds are intended to facilitate meetings between colleagues in different institutions, particularly those on either side of the border, either in preparation of a grant application or in the field, discussing particular research strategies.

In return for these bursaries, applicants will be asked to prepare short, informal presentations of these collaborations at Forum meetings, for several reasons: the Forum serves to disseminate information and new ideas to colleagues; 'joined-up' thinking and synergy are facilitated through new linkages and connections being forged; and the Forum acts as a 'think-tank' in reviewing ideas and providing feedback.

There is no application form because such a framework would constrain what you write. To assess the proposal the Management Committee (see the relevant web-page for members) requests the following information:

1. Your name, the address of your institution, telephone and e-mail details
2. The details as above of your current or potential collaborators in the project (you can of course list more than one collaborator)
3. a working title of your project
4. a summary of the aims and objectives of the research questions being explored, their context, scope and range, possible methodologies, feasibility and potential impacts on our understanding of the region in prehistory
5. specifically in this section, assess the geographical focus and balance of the proposed research either side of the English-Scottish border
6. describe whether this work is new or is being built on existing collaborations and researches
7. define how many meetings you and your collaborators think are needed in preparing the project, and whether these will be office-based or in the field (the Committee will preferentially support field-based meetings)
8. identify the funding source for which you are preparing the grant

9. provide if possible your publications or activities in the last few years relevant to your proposal
10. identify which Forum meeting (see the relevant web-page) you think appropriate to informally discuss the research among colleagues by offering a short presentation
11. define the date you anticipate submitting the completed proposal (we will give priority to those proposals that will be submitted to a funding source before the end of 2012).

Please send, by e-mail, these details to  
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The Management Committee will respond to your request with 4 weeks of acknowledging receipt. The funding is designed to contribute no more than £50 per person attending each project discussion meeting.

Thank you