

Friends of Academic Research in Georgia (FaRiG)



FaRiG, a registered English charity founded in 2000 by the late John Wilkinson, gives annual grants to Georgian scholars for their post-graduate research in the humanities and encourages the publication of the results outside Georgia. Subject to the quality of applications, FaRiG seeks to provide some research grants and an essay prize each year as well as making some small grants. Enquiries may be sent to enquiries@farig.org

2022 FaRiG Research Grant

This grant of up to £1500 for proposed research (preferably within Georgia) is open to Georgian scholars resident in Georgia. The research should focus on a topic of Georgia's culture and heritage which needs to be brought to the attention of a wider audience (ie. outside Georgia).

2022 FaRiG Simon Zazadze Grant

This grant of up to £1500 for proposed academic research is open to Georgian scholars resident in Georgia. The research should focus on Georgian-Anatolian studies, bearing in mind the rich cultural and historical heritage of the region around the South-East corner of the Black Sea.

2022 FaRiG Polonsky Prize

This grant of up to £1000 for proposed academic research (preferably within Georgia) is open to Georgian scholars resident in Georgia. The research should focus on the history and culture of Jewish communities in Georgia and the Caucasus.

2022 FaRiG Griboyedov Research Grant

This grant of up to £1000 for proposed historical research is open to Georgian scholars resident in Georgia and/or Russia. The research should focus on an aspect of Georgia's interactions with Russia over the centuries. This may involve fieldwork and/or deskwork in archives, museums and libraries in Georgia, Russia or elsewhere.

The primary criteria for the grants are the quality and viability of the proposed research. In addition, preference will be given to those in early to mid-career (ie. aged 25-45), to applications with co-funding (in cash and/or in kind), to applications for a lesser amount and/or where costs are reduced by borrowing equipment rather than buying it, and/or to applications that promise to generate publishable outputs in English. The grants should be used for project-related out-of-pocket expenses. Those who have previously received a grant from FaRiG under one of these grant schemes may not apply.

Please download the relevant application form from www.farig.org and submit it, when completed, by e-mail to FaRiG Hon Secretary at enquiries@farig.org by 28/2/22. Applications should be supported by confidential letters of reference from two persons who know the applicant's work. Such letters should be sent by the referees direct to the FaRiG Hon Secretary at enquiries@farig.org and not enclosed with the application. The FaRiG Awards Sub-Committee will award the grants by 15/4/22. Any queries can be sent to enquiries@farig.org

2022 FaRiG Adams Essay Prize

This essay prize of £500, endowed by Caroline Adams, is open to Georgian scholars for an essay (maximum length in English – 5000 words) on any topic in the humanities with relevance to Georgia and showing a strong interaction with non-Georgian academic research. The judges encourage entries from current students and recent graduates. An essay based on early-stage research will be preferred to a fully-fledged academic article ready for publication. Applicants may be based in any country. The winning essay will be published on the FaRiG website and, it is hoped, in academic publications. The material must not have previously been published in English.

Please download the application form from www.farig.org. The essay should be sent with the form by email to FaRiG Secretary at enquiries@farig.org by 15/10/22. The Sub-Committee will award the prize by 30/11/22.