

The Stapledon Memorial Trust

APPLICATION FORM FOR A 'STAPLEDON INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP'

Notes for applicants

The Stapledon Memorial Trust was established in 1962 to honour the life and achievements of the pioneering grassland scientist Professor Sir George Stapledon FRS. Until now, the Trust's awards have focused mainly on international support for grassland scientists and conferences.

Sir George Stapledon had high regard for grassland farmers and rural businesses, and his writings stress the importance of new knowledge and its application to ensure productive grassland and a prosperous rural economy. He was also ahead of his time in advocating the importance of land management practices that we would now consider in terms of sustainability and conservation.

The STAPLEDON INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP is a new and flexible scheme intended to provide awards to individuals to support studies of innovative practices, so that new knowledge or skills may be obtained and applied to the benefit of the grassland and forage sector. Successful applicants will be required to help communicate this new knowledge to others. The scheme is funded by the Stapledon Memorial Trust and supported by the British Grassland Society. It is open to anyone living in the UK/Ireland who is working in grassland farming or a grassland-related business or profession. Visits supported by the scheme can be made within the UK/Ireland or to other countries. Please note this scheme is not intended to support attendance at a conference.

SUBMISSION OF THE FORM

This completed application form should be by email submitted to mike.steelesmt@yahoo.com

For the Secretary of the Stapledon Memorial Trust, currently:

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APPLICATION DATES

Applications will be considered quarterly, for which the latest submission dates are and 31st August, 30th November, 28th February and 31st May.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS	
Name in full	
Postal address	
Email address	
Phone numbers	.
Date of birth	
Briefly describe your present job or business, and any previous job or business that might be relevant to this application	
List any college or Higher Education qualifications, if	

appropriate.	
YOUR PROPOSED INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP	
<p>THE PROSOSAL In about 10-20 lines describe what you would intend to do if you were awarded an Innovation Fellowship, including proposed travel arrangements and any individuals, businesses and organisations that you would be visiting.</p>	
<p>BENEFITS TO YOU Please describe how you would expect to benefit from the experience gained (e.g. technical and professional knowledge or business development, and how you would apply it later).</p>	
<p>BENEFITS TO THE GRASSLAND AND FORAGE SECTOR Please describe how the knowledge of innovations gained would benefit the sector and how these might be extended to the wider community of grassland farmers or other businesses with a grassland-related interest to ensure uptake of the knowledge. Comment on how you would help to share this knowledge (e.g. talks to farmer groups, grassland societies, conservation workers etc., and a short written report that might be used for a magazine article such as in the <i>BGS Grass & Forage Manager</i> magazine).</p>	
<p>REFEREES Please give the name(s) and contact details of at least one (preferably two) referees who would be willing to comment on</p>	

your application. This should include someone from the organisation that you intend to visit.	
Is support being sought from other sources? If so, specify.	
FINANCIAL Please give a breakdown of the costs of travel and accommodation you are likely to incur in order to achieve your aims.	
DATE OF APPLICATION	