



The Cromwell Association Research Grant

RULES AND GUIDANCE

Scope and Purpose:

The Cromwell Association was established in 1937 in order to advance the public understanding of the life and legacy of Oliver Cromwell (1599–1658) and the wider history of the seventeenth century. The purpose of the Research Grant is to further a charitable purpose of the Association by providing encouragement and support to postgraduate students engaged in research on a topic relevant to the Association's core objective of promoting understanding of Cromwell and his times.

Eligibility:

We welcome applications from postgraduate students currently enrolled at a university in the UK or overseas, and also non-affiliated researchers, who are seeking to conduct research on an aspect of the life and legacy of Oliver Cromwell, or a topic related to the British Civil Wars, the Interregnum (1649–1660) or the Restoration period.

Funding amount:

It is the Association's intention to award grants from a total fund of £1,500. Applicants can apply for the full sum or for any amount below the total. The grants are intended for expenses associated with research, such as travel, accommodation etc. but not, for example, to write up material already researched, to pay publication fees, or to contribute towards tuition fees.

Completing the Application

Two template application forms can be found below, one for postgraduate students and one for non-affiliated researchers.

Applicants are asked to provide a brief summary of their proposed research (we suggest 600 to 800 words) and to provide a detailed breakdown of costs, indicating the amount of funds being sought and how it will be spent. Applicants are also asked to provide an indication of the intended benefits/outcomes of the grant (including any outputs, such as conference papers, articles, monographs, podcasts, or other digital media).

Applicants should provide contact details of an academic or professional referee who has knowledge of the area of research and who, if approached, will be able to support

the reason for the application for a grant. However, in the case of non-affiliated researchers this is not compulsory.

Completed applications must be sent via email to **PRG@olivercromwell.org** no later than **30th April 2026**. Please state 'Cromwell Association Research Grant' as the subject of your email.

Applicants will be notified of rejected and/or unsuccessful applications. An unsuccessful application may be re-submitted in improved form in a subsequent round. The grant will be made available to the successful applicant(s) in late May 2026.

Administration

All applications will be considered by a sub-committee of academics from the Council of the Cromwell Association. Awards will be made strictly on merit based on the content of the Application, and on no other criteria. The amount of money and timing of the awards may be varied by the Association's Council at its discretion.

Successful applicants are also asked to provide a report on the research conducted to the Cromwell Association's Council within a year of receipt of the grant award. Successful applicants will also receive one year's free membership of the Cromwell Association and will also be invited to contribute a paper, based on an aspect of their research, for publication in the Association's journal, *Cromwelliana*. Membership of the Society, though welcome, will not be a matter of an advantage over applicants who are not Members.

All matters and queries relating to the Cromwell Association Research Grant should be addressed to the grant administrator via **PRG@olivercromwell.org**.

The Cromwell Association Research Grant
Application Form for Postgraduate Students

A) APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name:

University:

Course and Year of Study:

Thesis Title (working or final):

Email:

B) THE APPLICANT'S REFEREE

Name:

Position:

Email:

C) THE APPLICATION

Please answer the following questions:

1. Description of proposed research to be supported by the Research Grant (600 to 800 words).

2. Breakdown of costs to be met from the Research Grant (specify how you plan to spend the funds, e.g itemised costs of each research trip).

3. Anticipated outcomes/benefits of the financial support (e.g. conference papers, articles, monographs, podcasts, digital media).

Signature.....Date:.....

The Cromwell Association Research Grant
Application Form for Non-affiliated Researchers

A) APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name:

Email:

Details of higher education/job position(if relevant):

Project Title:

B) THE APPLICANT'S REFEREE (if possible – not compulsory)

Name:

Position:

Email:

C) THE APPLICATION

Please answer the following questions:

1. Description of proposed research to be supported by the Research Grant (600 to 800 words).

2. Breakdown of costs to be met from the Research Grant (specify how you plan to spend the funds, e.g itemised costs of each research trip).

3. Anticipated outcomes/benefits of the financial support (e.g. conference papers, articles, monographs, podcasts, digital media).

Signature.....Date:.....