1. Membership

The current membership of the large grants committee is: Andrea English, Amanda Fulford, Anders Schinkel, Emma Williams (Chair), and Joris Vlieghe.

This year saw the reintroduction of the Miscellaneous Grants and the Seminar Series Grants. The chair wishes to thank the committee for their work reviewing the applications despite busy schedules and the exceptional circumstances we are working within this year.

2. Doctoral Studentships

The budget for Doctoral Studentships this year was £20,000. During the 2020-21 funding competition six applications were received. This is equal to the number of applications received last year. The total amount requested was just over £36,000.

The following students have been awarded studentships for the 2020-21 academic year:

- John McCall
- Elizabeth O’Brien
- Yoonji Kang
- Blessing Chapfika

The total amount of funds allocated to Doctoral Studentships this year was £17,708.

3. Miscellaneous Grants

The budget for Miscellaneous Grants this year was £15,000 (5 awards). Three applications were received, requesting a total of just under £9,000.

The following have been awarded Miscellaneous Grants for 2020-21:

- Johannes Drerup
- Luca Moretti
- Stefan Ramaekers

4. Seminar Series Grants

The budget for Seminar Series Grants this year was £30,000 (3 awards). Two
applications were received, requesting a total of just under £20,000.

The following have been awarded Seminar Series Grants in 2020-21:

- Naomi Hodgson
- Lorella Terzi

5. BA/Leverhulme

The BA scheme has continued to run in 2020/21. The budget for BA/Leverhulme Small Grants is £30,000 (3 awards).

The BA awards run bi-annually (Autumn and Spring). The BA referred one application from the Autumn round to us. We have agreed to fund £6,868.40 to Dr Craig Hammond.

Large Grant Committee members can now be considered and can receive grants through the BA/L process. The LGC is not directly involved in the assessment of the quality of BA/L proposals, though they may be consulted on whether they align with the aims of the Society. Therefore, with the BA/L process, there is no conflict of interest.

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