

**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**RESEARCH SCHOOL OF EARTH SCIENCES**  
**THE SUE KESSON EXPERIMENTAL PETROLOGY STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT**  
**CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Research School of Earth Sciences offers a travel grant to be known as the Sue Kesson Experimental Petrology Student Travel Grant (SK Travel Grant).

The purpose of the SK Travel Grant is to enable a student enrolled in a PhD program in Experimental Petrology at RSES to visit an overseas or Australian laboratory or similar institution, with the aim of conducting experiments or learning new experimental methods. Preference will be given to proposals that are centred on experimental methods not available at RSES, which can add to the expertise in Experimental Petrology at RSES, and which will complement the student's main PhD project.

**2. VALUE**

A Travel Grant of \$5,000 to be awarded annually for the next five years.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

The PhD student must be undertaking a PhD program in Experimental Petrology. Preference will be given to PhD students who have completed their mid-term review.

The successful applicant may arrange the timing of their travel to attend a suitable international conference.

The grant may be used for travel expenses (airfares etc) plus a reasonable contribution to living expenses.

If the calibre of the applicants is insufficient, the funds can be carried forward to a later year, when two such grants will be made.

**4. SELECTION AND APPLICATION**

The Sue Kesson Travel Grant will be awarded by the RSES Award Committee on the recommendation of the Group Leader, Experimental Petrology.

Candidates should submit a short cv, a one-page proposal stating the reason for their proposed visit, and their schedule of travel. They should append a letter (or email) of invitation from the appropriate authority of the host laboratory or institution confirming the availability and use of the proposed facilities.

Applicants should submit a budget with the travel expenses and living expenses to a total of not more than \$5000.

Proposals should be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> March each year, and the travel should be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> December of that year. Applications should be sent by email to [student.admin.rses@anu.edu.au](mailto:student.admin.rses@anu.edu.au) . If there is not a suitable applicant, the funds can be carried forward to a later year when two such grants will be made.

**5. REPORTING**

A one-page report on the outcomes of the activities should be submitted within one month of the completion of the travel. Dr Kesson will be informed of the recipient and the outcomes of the visit by the Experimental Petrology Group Leader.



**6. PUBLICITY**

It is anticipated that the recipient of the travel grant may be requested to participate in publicity of the travel grant from time to time. This may include an interview and photograph for use in marketing materials and attendance at University functions.

**7. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

The student is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

**8. DISCLAIMER**

The SK Travel Grant does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.