

Rob Potter Award

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How it was used and the importance of the award to my PhD research

I was awarded the Rob Potter Memorial Travel Award for Overseas Fieldwork early this year (March-April, 2018) to travel overseas for a preliminary fieldwork for my PhD research. I was really delighted to have this award as it enabled me to pay for my flight overseas (£600) to Cameroon, Africa for the preliminary fieldwork of my PhD research.

This phase of my PhD research was very important as it allowed me to make contact with the field team, to gather information on the ground, to review documents and obtain GIS secondary data from the field for my PhD research. All in all, the Rob Potter Memorial Travel Award for Overseas Fieldwork helped me to gather important data and information for the first phase of my research, which was very vital and would be used to plan the next phase of my overseas fieldwork research in 2019.

I am very grateful I got the Rob Potter Travel Award for Overseas Fieldwork so as to pay for my flight, without which I would not have been able to gather the information and data that I needed for my PhD research and also through that, be equipped to prepare for the next phase of my overseas fieldwork coming up in 2019. So, thank you.

Below is a detail budget planning of my preliminary overseas fieldwork.

Activity	Description	Time	Cost (£)
Overseas travel	Flight from UK to Cameroon & back	-	580
Intercity transport	Travel to study site	-	30
Local transport	Travel around study sites	20 days	100
Subsistence	Lodging/feeding	30 days	150
Translation	Bantu to French	-	40
Total			900