

Collaborators fund to develop scientific research on South Georgia

South Georgia has two modern research stations.

The base at Bird Island is operated by the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) and undertakes ecological and demographic research on the population of penguins, seals and albatross that are abundant on the island.

The base at King Edward Point (KEP) is run by BAS on behalf of the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (GSGSSI) and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and undertakes fisheries and ecological research.

In order to stimulate new research on South Georgia and to develop new scientific collaborations, the GSGSSI is offering a number of small grants to work at the research station at KEP. Grants are not available for work at Bird Island.

Two small grants (to a maximum of £25,000) are offered for the 2012/13 or 2013/14 seasons to enable researchers to undertake scientific work on South Georgia. Research projects will be based at KEP, but could undertake fieldwork on the Thatcher, Greene, Busen or Barff peninsulas. The fishery patrol vessel *Pharos SG* can also be used to support limited marine science in the waters around South Georgia.

Grants are available to all areas of science, including physical, biological and geological. In awarding grants, GSGSSI will favour proposals that:

1. involve institutions and researchers who have not previously worked on South Georgia;
2. include some matched funding;
3. may lead to large research grants from other organisations;
4. address key environmental issues on South Georgia.

Proposals must be submitted to grants@gov.gs by **March 31st 2012** and must not exceed 4 pages of A4 (single spaced, font 12 point). Successful applicants will be informed by April 30th.

For more information, please browse

http://www.antarctica.ac.uk/living_and_working/research_stations/king_edward_point/ or contact Martin Collins (ceo@gov.gs) or Judith Brown (mfs@gov.gs).