

Friends of Academic Research in Georgia (FaRiG) 2024 Awards



FaRiG, a registered English charity founded in 2000 by the late John Wilkinson, gives annual grants to Georgian scholars for their post-doctoral research in the humanities and encourages the publication of the results outside Georgia. Subject to the quality of applications, FaRiG seeks to provide some research grants and an essay prize each year as well as making some other, small grants for research-related purposes. Enquiries may be sent to enquiries@farig.org

2024 FaRiG Greater Caucasus Research Grant

This grant, funded by Professor Hubertus Jahn, for up to £1600 for proposed academic research (preferably within Georgia) is open to Georgian post-doctoral scholars living and working in Georgia. The research should focus on the history and culture of Georgia and one (or more) of its neighbours (Armenia, Azerbaijan, North Caucasus, Türkiye, Iran).

2024 FaRiG John Wilkinson Research Grant

This grant of up to £1500 for proposed academic research (preferably within Georgia) is open to Georgian scholars resident in Georgia. The research should focus on a topic of Georgia's culture and heritage which needs to be brought to the attention of a wider audience (ie. both inside and outside Georgia).

2024 FaRiG Simon Zazadze Research Grant

This grant of up to £1500 for proposed academic research is open to Georgian scholars resident in Georgia. The research should focus on Georgian-Anatolian studies, bearing in mind the rich cultural and historical heritage of the region around the South-East corner of the Black Sea.

2024 FaRiG Polonsky Research Grant

This grant of up to £1000 for proposed academic research (preferably within Georgia) is open to Georgian scholars resident in Georgia. The research should focus on the history and culture of Jewish communities in Georgia and the Caucasus.

2024 FaRiG Griboyedov Research Grant

This grant of up to £1000 for proposed historical research is open to Georgian scholars resident in Georgia and/or Russia. The research should focus on an aspect of Georgia's interactions with Russia over the centuries. This may involve fieldwork and/or deskwork in archives, museums and libraries in Georgia, Russia or elsewhere.

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The primary criteria for the grants are the quality and viability of the proposed research. In addition, preference will be given to those in early to mid-career (ie. aged 25-45), to applications with co-funding (in cash and/or in kind), to applications for a lesser amount than the maximum and/or where costs are reduced by borrowing equipment rather than buying it, and/or to applications that promise to generate publishable material in English. The grants should be used for project-related out-of-pocket expenses. Those who have previously received a grant from FaRiG under one of these grant schemes may not re-apply within five years.

Please download the relevant application form from www.farig.org and submit it, when completed, by e-mail to Robert Scallon, FaRiG Hon Secretary, at enquiries@farig.org by 28/2/24. Applications should be supported by confidential letters of reference from two academics, who know the applicant's work. Such letters should be sent by the referees direct to the FaRiG Hon Secretary at enquiries@farig.org and not enclosed with the application. The FaRiG Awards Sub-Committee will award the grants by 15/4/24. Any queries can be sent to enquiries@farig.org

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2024 FaRiG Caroline Adams Essay Prize

This essay prize of £500, endowed by Caroline Adams, is open to Georgian scholars for an essay (maximum length in English – 5000 words) on any topic within the humanities with relevance to Georgia and showing a strong interaction with non-Georgian academic research. The judges encourage entries from current students and recent graduates. An essay based on early-stage research will be preferred to a fully-fledged academic article ready for publication. Applicants may be based in any country. The winning essay will be published on the FaRiG website and, it is hoped, in an academic publication. The material must not have previously been published in English.

Please download the application form from www.farig.org . The essay should be sent with the form by email to Robert Scallon, FaRiG Hon Secretary, at enquiries@farig.org by 28/2/24. The Sub-Committee will award the prize by 15/4/24.