

CBRL ANDREA ZERBINI AWARD 2025 – 2026

The CBRL Andrea Zerbini Award provides funding for doctoral students from universities in the UK and EU to travel to the Levant to pursue research on topics related to Archaeology and Heritage. Awards of up to £4,000 are available.

The award was created by the family, friends and colleagues of Dr Andrea Zerbini in his memory. Andrea was a young, ambitious, talented and extremely dedicated archaeologist, whose passion for the heritage of the Levant was inspirational. It was his wish that future PhD researchers would be supported as his legacy. CBRL is honoured to work with the Zerbini Foundation to fulfil this wish.

GUIDANCE NOTES

In line with Andrea's particular interests, the awards are for research into:

- Ancient History
- Landscape Archaeology
- New Technologies/GIS Applications in Archaeology
- Aerial Archaeology
- Migration and Migrant Identities in the Near East from Antiquity to the Middle Ages
- Protecting the Past

Eligible costs include: travel to and within the Levant, visas (insurance should be covered by the home institution), local travel (e.g. car hire, fuel, bus and taxi fares), accommodation and food costs away from home (subsistence), consumables (e.g. stationery and office supplies, batteries), equipment hire, as relevant to the research, language tuition.

Ineligible costs include: significant equipment and computer hardware purchases (e.g. above £250), institutional overheads, payment in lieu of salary.

Doctoral students must have:

- Up to a maximum of 12 years since the completion of their Master's degree
- A track record showing promise
- A compelling proposal.

Please note:

- **CBRL grants are paid to a host institution and not to an individual. Only registered PhD students can apply.**
- **CBRL will only consider applications that involve international travel, where the international travel has been approved by the host institution's Risk Assessment process. Applicants must check in advance whether the proposed international**

travel will be approved by their host institution, before making an application to CBRL.

- Due to the broader socio-political context of the region, applications must demonstrate feasibility.
- Grant payment is made *only* on receipt of institutionally approved risk assessments, ethics approvals and data management plans. These must be issued before any travel takes place. Under no circumstances will CBRL release a grant without these documents, or if the documents have been issued retrospectively.
- CBRL is not responsible for arranging or securing visas or research permits. Applicants must ensure they will obtain all necessary documentation and approvals in order to complete the research on time.
- Applicants should be mindful of CBRL's Publications Ethics Statement, the terms of which also apply to the research we support: <https://www.cbri.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/CBRL-Publications-Ethics-Statement.pdf>.
- Other CBRL grants are assessed and awarded by a panel comprising CBRL staff, trustees and committee members. In the case of the Andrea Zerbini awards, a shortlist of applications is produced by a CBRL panel. The Zerbini Foundation select the successful applications based on their insights into what Andrea would have wanted to support.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Applications open: **Monday 20th January 2025**

Deadline for Applications: **Thursday 20th March at midnight GMT**

Deadline for References: **Thursday 20th March at midnight GMT**

Results will be announced in **April/May 2025**

Applications on the CBRL Application Form should be submitted to the UK Executive Officer at (info@cbri.ac.uk).

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

BUDGET

Give the total budget in £ and show in **bold** those items for which CBRL funding is requested. Include a unit cost and a multiplier for each item of expenditure, with justification for these amounts. Funds are cash-limited, and there is no scope for supplementation of a grant; projects should be fully costed from the outset. Detail other sources to which application is being made (specifying amounts), and the result where known.

REFEREE

ONE referee is required. Applicants must ensure that their referee sends their completed Referee Form to the UK Executive Officer (info@cbri.ac.uk) with the header Grant Application Reference for [Your Name] by **Thursday 20th March at midnight GMT**.

The PhD thesis main supervisor should act as the referee.

Applications are expected to have the approval of the applicant's institution.

GRANT CONDITIONS

Project execution, budget expenditure, equipment

The grant is to support the project described in the application. Prior approval must be sought from CBRL by contacting the UK Executive Officer if it is proposed to vary the project or programme, or use of budget, in any significant way. A valid reason for the proposed change must be provided. CBRL's *Principles on granting extensions* policy will be followed when considering all requests to ensure transparency and fairness. The Zerbini Foundation will be consulted before approval of any changes is granted.

Grantees must comply with CBRL's policy on travel and subsistence (See CBRL Research Manual Section 7 – Travel, Subsistence and Expenses)

Ethical and professional standards

CBRL requires the research it funds to be conducted in an ethical and legal manner, and within a framework of best practice, as defined by the host Institution. As such, we require an institutionally approved ethics review, risk assessment and data management plan covering the research, and approved before any work is conducted, before CBRL can release funds to the host institution.

Payment of grant

The grant will be paid to the host institution; the grant is made on the understanding that the institution pays the grant to the grantee in full. Once CBRL has received all relevant documentation, we will release funds. Please allow at least two weeks to process payments. Payments will only be made to UK bank accounts.

Grants must be claimed by 31 December 2025 (latest) unless prior written approval has been granted for an extension to this date. All grants must be expended by the end of January 2026. Grant monies paid but remaining unspent must be returned to CBRL.

Publication

Except by prior agreement, the opportunity of publication (whether as an article in CBRL's journals, *Levant* or *Contemporary Levant*, or as a CBRL monograph) shall be offered in the first instance to CBRL. If publication elsewhere is anticipated, this should be indicated in the application.

Grantees shall acknowledge the support of CBRL when making any public announcement or in any publication arising from a successful grant. In the case of publication this is the

recommended form of words *This research was supported by an Andrea Zerbinì Grant awarded by the Council for the British Research in the Levant (CBRL).*

Grantees should provide the CBRL's Executive Officer with information on all publications relating to their project. A copy of any other publications must be provided for the CBRL library.

Reporting Requirements

The **Grant Report Form** sent to successful applicants must be submitted to the UK Executive Officer (info@cbri.ac.uk) within one month after the end date of the research covered by the application (or the end date approved by CBRL in the case of change), and no later than one month after the end of February 2026. The Report Form asks for a statement of what was achieved with the grant and details of its expenditure. Accounts must be supported by relevant receipts and vouchers where not administered by a university or research organisation.

As part of the award, we ask that you submit text, relevant links and an image about your project for the CBRL research project webpages. We may also contact successful applicants for a story in our monthly newsletter. This is a mandatory part of the conditions of the grant.

Digital data, together with documentation, should be offered for deposit, such as at the Arts and Humanities Data Service or ESRC Data Archive, within a reasonable time after the completion of the project.

All grant recipients will be required to sign CBRL's grant Terms and Conditions and comply with the CBRL Research Manual prior to the release of funding.

Further engagement with CBRL

When submitting applications elsewhere for follow-on funding that draw on CBRL-funded research, please consider including CBRL in your application: how CBRL may support your research and you support the ongoing mission work of CBRL and its institutes in the region, e.g. seminars, workshops, partnership working. Where a CBRL award has facilitated subsequent successful funding, please report this to the CBRL for our records. We want to hear about your successes!

Data protection

CBRL adheres to the Data Protection Act 2018. Please see the CBRL Research Manual for guidance on data management.