GA Study Tours and Study Tour Bursaries

Since 2000 GA Study Tours have visited 8 different countries including China (4), Ethiopia, India, Kenya (2), Mexico, Poland, South Africa, and Tanzania. Future Tours are planned for Russia (2015) and Singapore/Malaysia (2016). Since 2000 nearly 200 geographers have taken part, many of whom are early careers teachers.

Aims

- To enhance the teaching of early career geography teachers
- To enable geographers to explore new locations, cultures and people in a safe and supportive environment
- To broaden participants’ global cultural awareness
- To engage in experiential learning with like-minded geography colleagues
- To benefit from the expertise of members of the Tour, local guides and experts
- To enable teachers to develop up to date resources that will enhance their geography teaching
- To provide opportunities for geography teachers to add to their CPD in a practical manner
- To add to the wealth of resource material provided for teachers by the GA

Administration

- Tour locations, geographical content and itinerary will be agreed by ISIG members.
- A member of ISIG member will act as Project Manager for each Tour and will liaise with an ABTA registered agent.
- The Project Manager will be expected to take part in the Tour or will be represented by another member of ISIG.
- Decisions on Tour locations will be made at least two years in advance and the planning for each Tour will begin at the same time.
- The flight costs for the Project Manager will be shared out equally between each of the participants.
- Participants will be invited to contribute to the Tour by preparing background briefing notes on a geographical topic to be used during and after the Tour.
- Resources developed from the Tour and including information from the briefing notes will be made available for publication through the GA.

Study Tour Bursaries

From 1997 to 2013, a Special Fund was used to provide two bursaries up to £500 each to teachers in the early part of their careers and these were generally used to assist with joining a Study Tour. Two Study Tour bursaries of up to £500 each will continue to be offered to early career geography teachers to support them to attend a GA Study Tour.

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Eligibility

- Applicants must be early career geography teachers (first five years of teaching)
- Applicants should be members of the GA or an equivalent Association (where one exists).
- Priority will be given to individuals with limited access to sources of funding or applicants from the Global South.
- Retrospective applications will not be considered.
- Applications must clearly identify the intended benefits of the initiative both to the geography education community and to the applicant.

Information for applicants

- All applications should be submitted electronically using the form on the GA website.
- The sum of money given will be up to a maximum of £500 depending on the overall cost of the Study Tour.
- A supporting reference will be required. This may be given by a Head teacher, Head of Department or equivalent.
- On completion of the Study Tour, all recipients should send the Geographical Association a written report (1,000 words) which should include:

  - An outline of how the Study Tour will benefit the recipient’s teaching
  - How the information and resources gained from the Study Tour might be used by the wider geographical community.

  They should also contribute to the e-resources arising from the Tour.

The report and resources should normally be submitted with six months of the end of the Tour.

GAIIF members will monitor the development of these reports and will supply advice where requested.

Agree at ISIG meeting January 2015