**Clay Minerals Group Research Grant Application Form**

Please complete the form and submit to the CMG Secretary (alastair.marsh@epfl.ch) by 5pm on 1st May 2025.

**Applicant Details**

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| **Name of Applicant** |  |
| **Applicant’s Email Address** |  |
| **Applicant’s Contact Phone Number** |  |
| **Place of Work/Study and Department** |  |
| **Current position (e.g. PhD Student, Postdoctoral Researcher, Research Assistant)** |  |
| **Please indicate at what stage you are at within your PhD, or research career (e.g., start dates, completion dates or contract end dates)** |  |
| **Have you previously applied for a CMG travel, research or workshop grant? If yes, please provide details.** |  |
| **How did you learn about the research grants?** |  |

**Applicants supervisory support**

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| **Name of Applicant’s Supervisor/Line Manager** |  |
| **Place of Work/Study and Department** |  |
| **Current position** |  |

**Research Project**

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| **Title (max of 12 words)** |
| **Lay Summary of proposal (250 words)** Please note this may be used on the CMG website to advertise the type of activities CMG supports if the project is selected (avoid any confidential information). |
| **Scientific Summary of proposal (up to 700 words or 2 sides of A4 including data, diagrams, photographs, etc.).** Please provide the background to your research topic/area (what is known or unknown), identifying the aims (what do you want to know, demonstrate, analyse, test, investigate or examine) and how you plan to achieve these aims. Please reference papers relevant to the research (references not included in word count). |
| **Resources Required.** Please clearly state and justify the total amount of grant money requested. Detail any expenses providing quotes where appropriate.  |
| **Timetable.** Please provide an outline as to when and for how long the research will be carried out (max period of 1 year). |
| **Collaboration with external partners** (outside the current supervision team)**.** If relevant, please explain how their expertise and interests relate to the project. **(max 200 words)** |
| **Other/additional funding for this activity.** Please provide details of any financial or other in-kind contribution (e.g., equipment, samples and data) from your home institutions and external partners (provide letters of support from collaborators). **(max 200 words)**  |

**Building the Clay Research Community**

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| **Explain how the research proposed for this grant will add to or complement the research ongoing in that area or complementary areas and how you will contribute to the research environment. (max 200 words)** |
| **What are the likely outputs arising from the project and timescale of these, e.g. publications, conference presentations? (max 200 words)** |
| **Detail potential opportunities for impact arising from the project, e.g. public engagement, social and economic benefit etc. (max 200 words)** |

**CMG Research Grant Scoring Grid**

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|  | **Comments** | **Score** 1=low 5 = high | **Weighting** | **Total** |
| **Academic quality and novelty of project** |  |  | x3 |  |
| **Clear articulation of aims of the study and methodological approach** |  |  | x2 |  |
| **Feasibility of project in timeframe** |  |  | x2 |  |
| **Infrastructure in place to support the project, H&S and ethical considerations** |  |  | x2 |  |
| **Appropriate dissemination strategy** |  |  | x1 |  |
| **Clay research community development** |  |  | x1 |  |
| **Appropriate Internal/External Collaboration** |  |  | x1 |  |