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The annual budget is *c.* £6,000, and the usual level of award is £50 to £500. The Committee meets three times a year. Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Roman Society, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU to arrive by 1 February, 1 July or 1 November in any year. There is no special application form, but applicants should provide information about the level of their departmental budget, the type of courses taught, and in the case of applications for books, a list of the books wanted with their prices.

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The Council of the Society invites applications from members to attend a conference of a sister body in another country or to undertake a lecture tour as an official representative of the Society. The Society is willing to pay up to a maximum of £500 for a single conference or lecture tour, to help cover the travel costs. The delegate will be required to submit a report to Council on the state of Roman studies in the country concerned. Preference will be given to a delegate going to a country where the subject may benefit from the Society's representation.

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, at least six months before the conference or lecture tour, for approval by Council.

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