

# ISSMGE · TAOC

## 2026 CALL FOR SMALL PROJECT PROPOSALS

**Submission deadline: 13 November 2026**

**Total funding available: up to £5,000**

### Purpose

The ISSMGE Technical Advisory and Outcome Committee (TAOC) invites Technical Committees (TCs) to propose small, focused projects that expand TC activities, promote collaboration and generate tangible, lasting outcomes for the geotechnical community. Particular encouragement is given to initiatives involving two or more TCs, interdisciplinary contributions, innovative educational or technical resources, and activities that broaden international engagement.

### Funding and eligibility

Up to £5,000 is available in total for this call. The funding may support several smaller grants or one particularly compelling proposal, depending on merit and available resources. Projects should demonstrate clear benefits beyond a single event or individual participant. Proposals primarily supporting individual members' travel to conferences or similar events will not be funded. Logo-design competitions are not eligible at this stage, as ISSMGE branding is currently under discussion.

### Proposal requirements

Please submit a concise proposal of 1–2 pages (A4 or US Letter; minimum 11-point font), including any figures and references. The proposal should contain:

- **Project title**
- **Participating TCs:** Identify the lead TC and collaborating TCs, with a contact person.
- **Objectives and expected outcomes:** State the need addressed, intended deliverables, and anticipated value to ISSMGE and the profession.
- **Activities and duration:** Outline the main activities, approximate schedule, and expected completion date.
- **Budget and requested support:** Provide a brief breakdown of costs, amount requested in GBP, and any co-funding.
- **Collaboration and dissemination:** Explain how the initiative promotes TC synergy and how results will be shared or sustained.

### Examples of previously supported initiatives

**2024: TC306 / TC103 / TC106 — Interdisciplinary keynote at Geotechnical Engineering Education 2025.** £1,500 to support Prof. Jennifer Case's contribution; subsequently disseminated through ISSMGE channels.

**2025: TC211 — Ground Improvement Through the Lens.** £1,000 for a global photography initiative supporting outreach and broad participation.

**2025: TC308 — GIS Platform for Energy Geotechnics.** £1,000 toward an open-access mapping resource involving contributions from multiple TCs.

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Please send proposals to the TAOC Chair ([msanchez@civil.tamu.edu](mailto:msanchez@civil.tamu.edu)) and the TAOC Secretary ([lucy.chen@rmit.edu.au](mailto:lucy.chen@rmit.edu.au))

TC Chairs and Secretaries are encouraged to discuss potential ideas with their members and explore opportunities for joint proposals.