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Dear BSG Executive Committee and membership,

I am writing to express interest in the role of Vice-Chair of Research within the Society. I have 15 years of research experience, which I believe puts me in a strong position to take on the VC role. I collaborate widely, have successful grant capture from range of sources, supervise a wonderful group of ECRs and research technicians, and provide service to the research community through conference organisation, reviewing and mentorship. I have also held leadership positions relevant to the role, most notably leading my research group and contributing to two successful Athena SWAN applications.

I have led the Environmental Processes Research Group at the University of Manchester since 2020. My focus is on fostering collaboration within the group by highlighting funding opportunities and brainstorming ideas, and providing a platform for researchers at all stages to share their ongoing research. As part of this role, I work closely with the department Research Director and other research group leads to shape our Departmental and School research strategies (including REF and KEF) and feed into Faculty and University level research initiatives. During lockdown, I focussed on creating a community for early careers researchers to keep in touch with the department. More recently, I have focused on finding new ways to collaborate within the group by capitalising on internal research funding to support external grant capture, and more widely with other research group leads to cultivate closer intra- and inter-disciplinary working. I am committed to supporting and amplifying the exciting research activities and findings of my colleagues, and would extend this to enthusiasm to the BSG by working with other Sub-Committees and the EC to drive the research mission of the society.

I have been part my School's Self-assessment Teams (SAT) for successful Athena Swan Bronze and Silver applications and continue to be a part of the SAT to ensure our action plan is adhered to. I have primarily contributed my analytical skills to provide quantitative evidence of the advances we are making in ED&I, but I also ensure that the intersections of gender and disability (along with other intersectional issues) are properly represented in our efforts. I've been impressed by the recent drive towards ED&I within the BSG through the formation of a Steering Group and provision of the Decolonising Geomorphology Grant. I would ensure that the principals of ED&I are adhered to in the promotion of BSG research activities and the awarding of grants so that the process is fair, open and transparent. I am also keen to contribute my experience to the EDI Steering Group.

On a more personal note, I have been a member of the BSG since 2010 and have benefited greatly from the support and comradery of the society. Whether it was my first oral presentation at BSG 2012, financial assistance to attend international conferences, acting as the Postgraduate Forum Chair, supporting outreach activities at the Cheltenham Science Festival, or joining the team that co-ordinates the Windsor Workshop, I have found my involvement in the BSG to be highly rewarding. I would not take my role as a trustee of the charity lightly and welcome the opportunity to continue to contribute to the Society and help shape its future success. Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,



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