RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FUND
REPORT FORM

Name	Institution
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Title of project
Women's Property Rights and Access to Bank Financing in Ghana

Date of award	Amount of award
23/04/2025	£1974

Total cost of project *(list briefly other sources and amounts of funding, if applicable)*
£4000 I received £2000 from Loughborough SSH research fund.

Brief report on project *(Please describe the nature of the research undertaken / conference attended and publication plans in no more than 150 words.*

I travelled to Ghana on 28 January and spent one month there, rather than the initially planned ten days. This extended stay became necessary because other country components of the project were removed, allowing additional time to focus on Ghana and to undertake the depth of research required. The visit primarily involved archival research examining the historical and institutional context of women's access to finance. I conducted extensive archival work at Public Records and Archives Administration Department and the Africana Archive at the Balme Library, University of Ghana. Unfortunately, an archives strike occurred during my stay, which meant the Balme Library archives were intermittently closed. This limited access to key collections. I also conducted interviews with staff at the Bank of Ghana, including the collateral registry team, and spoke with representatives from banks and organisations supporting women entrepreneurs to better understand gender-related data and financing practices.

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