

Bursaries for PhD Students

The British Liquid Crystal Society has made £1000 per annum available to help finance the attendance of PhD students at liquid crystal conferences. The students must be presenting papers at the conference they are requesting support for (either oral or poster presentations). Students must be members of the British Liquid Crystal Society, and must submit a report after the conference. No more than one bursary will be awarded per research group and the maximum individual award will be £250.

Your application should include the following:

1. Name and University address, e-mail address and telephone number.
2. Brief details of your research programme and state the year of research you are in.
3. Details of the conference that you wish to attend, the estimated total cost involved, and how much funding you have secured and from where.
4. A statement of how attendance at the conference will benefit you and your research work.
5. A supporting letter from your PhD supervisor.

Applications, along with an abstract of the work to be presented, should be sent to the Chair of the British Liquid Crystal Society.

You will be notified of the outcome of your application as soon as possible. If successful, the funding will be paid to your University. The payment of the bursary is then subject to the receipt of a satisfactory (as judged by the officers of the BLCS committee) conference report of around 1,000 words, which should be sent to the Chair of the British Liquid Crystal Society.

The report must cover the following aspects:

- a) An overview of scientific highlights from the perspective of the bursary recipient.
- b) A brief account of around 5 talks or posters that were of particular relevance to the research of the bursary recipient.
- c) New opportunities for collaboration for the bursary recipient and for their wider research group that may arise as result of attending the conference.

The report should be suitable for publication in the British Liquid Crystal Society Newsletter (and on its web pages) and hence should only cover scientific aspects of the conference, and not social activities.