



BLCS BURSARIES FOR PHD STUDENTS

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The British Liquid Crystal Society PhD Bursary fund helps finance the attendance of PhD students at liquid crystal conferences.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be members of the British Liquid Crystal Society and registered at a UK university, must be presenting papers at the conference they are requesting support for (either oral or poster presentations) and must submit a report after the conference.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

No more than one bursary will be awarded per research group and the maximum individual award will be £300. The BLCS Bursary Fund is limited to no more than £1,200 per BLCS financial year (19 March to 18 March).

ELIGIBLE COSTS

The funds can cover any cost associated with attending the conference, for example travel, accommodation, sustenance or registration fees. The funds requested must be justified in the application procedure.

APPLICATION AND APPROVAL

- 1) The application must be made to the Secretary of the Society. The application should contain the following information:
 - a) Name and University address, e-mail address and telephone number.
 - b) Brief details of your research programme and state the year of research you are in.
 - c) Details of the conference that you wish to attend, the estimated total cost involved, and how much funding you have secured and from where.
 - d) A statement of how attendance at the conference will benefit you and your research work.
 - e) An abstract of the work to be presented.
 - f) A supporting letter from your PhD supervisor.
- 2) The secretary will pass the application to the treasurer for financial checking. The treasurer will confirm to the Chair if the application is eligible and the fund is solvent.



- 3) The application must be approved by the Chair of the BLCS Steering Committee by Chair's action. All applications will be reported to the BLCS Steering Committee. A summary will be presented by the treasurer at the AGM.

You will be notified of the outcome of your application as soon as possible.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

If successful, the funding will be paid to recipient's University who will then transfer them to their travel budget.

The payment of the bursary is 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.