

RSC Solid State Chemistry Group

Student Bursary Scheme

Summary of Scheme

The Solid State Chemistry Group has instigated a Student Bursary Scheme to provide financial support to promising postgraduate students to attend important solid state chemistry conferences in the UK or abroad. The Student Bursary Scheme is open to all postgraduate student members of the RSC's Solid State Chemistry Group undertaking research in solid state chemistry. In return for the bursary, the beneficiary must produce a short written report for the ***Solid State Chemistry Newsletter***.

NOTE: Bursaries are not available for meetings that are being directly supported by the Solid State Chemistry Group, i.e. the annual Christmas and Easter meetings of the SSCG.

Aims:

- To provide opportunities for postgraduate students to attend important conferences pertinent to solid state chemistry and interact with leading scientists from around the world.
- To provide an opportunity to present research at a leading conference.
- To enhance the profile of solid state chemistry and the group on the international stage.
- Awards are made to fund students who would otherwise fail to meet the costs of the conference. It is expected that fully funded students should use their own funds to meet the costs of conference attendance.

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be studying for a postgraduate degree with a significant component of research based in the area of solid state chemistry.
- The applicant must be a member of the RSC Solid State Chemistry Group.
- The applicant must be presenting an oral or poster contribution at the conference for which the bursary is requested.
- The applicant must produce a short written report describing key impressions and interesting scientific contributions or developments experienced at the conference. This must be completed within 1 month of the end of the conference and will be published in the *Solid State Chemistry Newsletter*.
- The award can be up to 50% of the total cost of attendance at the conference.
- A student can only receive one award for the duration of their studies.

Funding available:

- The student bursary scheme will provide funds up to a maximum of either £250 or £500 towards the cost of attending a relevant conference which is within UK/Europe (£250) or further afield (£500). This can include registration, accommodation and travel costs. The chances of receiving funding will be enhanced by evidence of other supporting funding.

Application process:

The following items must be submitted at least **2 months** before the conference deadline to the Group Secretary (Dr Abbie McLaughlin) in order to be considered for a bursary:

1. A completed application form (see below)
2. The submitted conference abstract
3. A one-page CV stressing academic and scientific achievements
4. A brief statement from the project supervisor (emailed separately by supervisor) giving a reference and stating the source of matched funding.

Selection process: Submissions will be considered by members of the Solid State Chemistry committee.

RSC Solid State Chemistry Group Conference Bursary Application Form

The completed form should be returned to Dr Abbie McLaughlin (Group Secretary;
a.c.mclaughlin@abdn.ac.uk) at least *2 months* before the conference deadline.

A letter from the student's supervisor in support of the application must be submitted with this form,
along with the submitted conference abstract and a one page CV.

Please note bursaries will be paid to the University/College NOT the student.

Please read the notes at the bottom of this form before making an application

Conference

Conference Title

Date of Conference

From:

To:

Applicant Details

Title

First Name

Surname

University/College

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Office:

Mobile:

Email

Research Supervisor

Title

First Name

Surname

Payment Information

Choose either 1) Cheque or 2) BACS transfer

1 Cheque

Payee Details

Name and Address

2 BACS transfer

Account Holder

Bank Name

Bank Address

Sort Code

Account Number

Signature

Date

NOTES

- Bursaries are available to postgraduate students.
- Students may apply for a maximum bursary of £250/£500 for Europe/Outside Europe
- Applications must be for no more than 50% of the total cost of the conference.
- To be eligible for a bursary, students must be accepted for an oral or poster presentation
- An emailed letter of support from the student's supervisor must be submitted with the application
- Bursaries are awarded in competition with other applicants.
- Recent application history will be taken into account.
- The bursary will be paid by cheque or bank transfer on or close to the date of the meeting.
- It is a condition of the bursary that students submit a 500+ word report on the conference attended for the Solid State Chemistry Group newsletter.